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## BOMBS IN CANTON.

SOVIET HIDING PLACES DISCOVERED.

### INVASION THREAT.

Kongmoon Being Scoured For Communists.

IRONSIDES STEADILY LOSING IN POWER AND INFLUENCE.

Further accusations against the Soviet Consulate-General in Canton have been made but such are not official although they are in connection with the seizure by the police of 48 bombs.

Kongmoon is being scoured for Communists, and the Kwangsi garrison there has also found time to threaten the "Papersides" of Canton with invasion unless there is a change in policy.

Confidence is being restored in Canton city, but political developments are imminent. The Ironsides are losing in power and influence but are still trying their hardest to avoid losing "face."

### LOSS OF "FACE" FEARED.

Documents seized at the Soviet Consulate-General in Canton are alleged to have revealed the hiding places of a large quantity of bombs and explosives which had been secreted before the Reds' outbreak in the city.

Acting on information, the city police dug up the ground adjoining a tea-house on the heights outside the north of the city and here found 42 bombs carefully concealed.

Near a playing field a short distance away, six other bombs were found.

The police allege that the explosives were held in readiness by the Communists.

#### The Reds' Trail.

Having put a considerable distance between themselves and the Canton Government forces, the Communist army which fled from Canton is now making its way by a wide detour to reach the hinterland of Bias Bay to join the "Soviet government" which is in existence up-country.

Word having been received, villages along the road of the Reds' march are combining together to resist them on approach. As a result, looting and pillaging has decreased.

Confidence in Canton has gained rapidly during the last few days.

#### HOT PURSUIT.

Kongmoon Being Cleared of Red Pests.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. Great activity against labour unions and Communist agitators has been shown by the 13th division of Kwangsi troops who returned to control here a few days ago.

Many arrests have been effected but most of the best known leaders have fled.

The recent crisis has caused the merchants to be apprehensive of Nationalist banknotes and business is seriously hampered as a result.—Our own correspondent.

#### PRESSURE EXERTED.

Kwangsi Troops' Overtures to Papersides.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. Pressure is being exerted indirectly on the Canton Government by the 13th division of Kwangsi troops who returned to control here this week.

As proof of their good faith, the Kwangsi commanders have refrained from interfering with the pro-Canton officials who were recently put in charge of revenue bureaus by the Papersides who have now been recalled to Canton.

The Kwangsi leaders insist on General Li Fook-lum, commander-in-chief of the Papersides, declaring his support for General Li Chai-sum and the Kwangsi faction.

#### Threat to Invade Canton.

In fact the 13th division threatens invasion of Canton—a possibility but not a probability at the moment—if the Papersides do not immediately sever connection with the Ironsides administration of Canton. If the Papersides declare for the Kwangsi faction, the latter will have a preponderance, hastening the downfall of the Ironsides.

To show that they are quite willing to be friends with the Papersides, the 13th division has not laid hands on any of the

venue which still goes back to the Papersides in Canton.—Our own correspondent.

#### THE IRONSIDES.

Losing Ground, But Trying to Save Face.

No change is perceptible in the policy of the Ironsides' government of Canton. There is still a hankering for an understanding with the nominees of General Chiang Kai-shek as restoration of the Kwangsi faction will entail loss of face to the Ironsides.

Belonging to a corps which maintains a negative political policy, a division of troops has reached Canton from Kongmoon to strengthen the city defence.

Two brigades of Yunnanese mercenaries have reached Samshui, on the West River, from the North River.

#### "Remains to be Seen."

The Kwangsi expedition down the West River against Canton is marking time, waiting for help from neutral factors.

Very few Ironsides are in Canton city, the majority being along the East River where, strange to say, there is the least danger of invasion by the Kwangsi faction.

The Ironsides' star is definitely in the descendant but it remains to be seen whether the Kwangsi faction, or Chiang Kai-shek's nominee, will succeed them.

#### CONTROL OF CANTON.

General Li Chai-sum on the Way Back.

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Li Chai-sum sails tomorrow (Friday) on the "President McKinley" for Hong Kong, to return to Canton.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

#### The "Big Four."

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Pei Chung-hsi, one of the big four of the Kwangsi military group, has ordered a division of troops to support General Li Chai-sum's return to Canton. The troops will go in warships and land at Swatow.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

General Li Chai-sum is also one of the big four. His colleague is reported as having ordered an attack on Canton by way of Hankow and (overland) Hunan province.

#### Another Version.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nationalist Government has authorised General Li Chai-sum to take over control of Canton, General Chang Fah-kuei and General Wong Ki-cheung having resigned or disappeared.

General Li Chai-sum will leave for Canton on Monday or Tuesday.—Reuter.

#### THEFT FROM AN HOTEL.

The manager of the Glenelg Hotel has reported to the police the theft from the hotel some time between noon and 6 p.m. yesterday of some clothing worth \$55.

During Traffic Sergeant Hopkins' absence from his quarters at No. 86, Calne Road, ground floor, between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., yesterday, a thief entered by forcing a window and stole money, clothing and jewellery worth \$147.

Clothing and jewellery worth \$104 was yesterday reported stolen from the first floor of No. 182, Woon Street.

## TWO EXCEPTIONS.

Soviet Departure From China.

TEA BUYERS & RAILWAY STAFF.

Nationalist Government's Latest Decision.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Nationalist Government is allowing Centrososjus, a big Russian firm of tea-buyers, and the agency of the Chinese Eastern Railway to carry on under supervision.—Reuter.

The staffs of the two concerns are Russian. All Russians have been ordered to leave but the order, it seems, has been modified in the case of the two named.

Chinese Merchants' Petition. The Chinese Tea Guild addressed the Nationalist authorities, regarding a relaxation in the governmental edict in so far as it concerned the Centrososjus (England), Ltd., because, as they asserted, this company is registered in Great Britain, is not a Soviet corporation, and that, since May 1, they have bought 180,000 chests of tea.

Further, that the company is organised solely for business reasons and does not spread Communist doctrines.

#### Volume of Trade.

Last Saturday it was rumoured that the Centrososjus would be permanently closed.

The Tea Guild did not, therefore, know what to do, as the company owed them more than \$1,000,000 for business transacted during the past month, and further the Centrososjus annually bought more than 15,000,000 worth of tea in the Yangtze Valley.

As the Centrososjus was a mere business concern, the petitioners requested that the Police should be withdrawn and that business as usual should be permitted.

#### SHANGHAI STRIKE.

Trams Under Escort: Peace Not in Sight?

Shanghai, Yesterday. A depleted tramway service, with a strong escort accompanying each car, is being maintained without untoward incident, but the negotiations for settlement of the strike have made no progress.—British Naval Wireless.

#### MORE EXECUTIONS.

Hankow's Campaign Against Communists.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A telegram from Hankow, dated the 21st inst., states that four more Chinese Communists, including one girl, were executed yesterday.

The former head of the Provincial Government, Kung Kang, with other officials, was apprehended yesterday evening. They are awaiting trial on charges of favouring Communism and of misgovernment.

Detained and Deported. It is authoritatively stated that the military authorities detained twelve Russian women and five men. All will be released shortly except two men, Glatz, the Dalbair manager, and Yessin, the Soviet trade representative, who will probably be deported after further investigation.—Reuter.

#### ACTING FOR SOVIET.

Germany's Attitude Towards China.

Berlin, Yesterday. The German Government has agreed to the Soviet request to take charge of the latter's interests in South China and has instructed its Consuls accordingly. It is semi-officially announced that the fulfilment of the Soviet's request is a matter of international courtesy, and did not mean taking charge of Diplomatic representation, which was impossible as Germany had not yet recognised the Government of South China.

#### No Intervention.

No intervention in the political strife of China was intended, and German Consuls were not authorised to interfere in questions of high politics.

The announcement adds it follows that the fulfilment of the Russian request does not mean that Germany is now in a position

## SOUDAN PROGRESS.

Freedom From Menace of Famine.

#### A NEW ERA.

Goodwill And Good Work By All Concerned.

Rugby, Yesterday. The annual report on the administration of the Sudan, published to-day, states that the completion of the Sennar dam, which was officially opened in January last year, marked a new era in the development of the Sudan.

"Thanks to favourable conditions and goodwill and good work on the part of all concerned the first year's results from the cultivation of cotton on a large scale were highly satisfactory, and the benefits pre-

#### FRESH AND FINE.

Northerly winds, moderate, fresh; fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A fresh anticyclone has formed over Northern China and Manchuria. A depression covers South-west Japan. It is moving Eastward. The monsoon will freshen along the Coast of China and over the China-Sea.

dicted have been fully realised. Labour has presented no difficulty and the general well being of the natives in the thickly populated Gazira area is manifested. Cultivation and production have been quickened by science to the vast advantage of the natives, but there has been no upheaval of the social system.

In a country where the people have had to rely for their sustenance on a capricious rainfall, a guarantee of freedom from the menace of famine is the richest of blessings. Fifty thousand acres of irrigated land were sown with grain, and the harvest made a doubly welcome addition to the food supply in lean years.

The direct and indirect financial results of the cultivation season covered by the report were thoroughly satisfactory. There was a small actual surplus on the year's working, but the indirect results were even more important, and the report pointed out that account must be taken of additional revenue earned by the Government from extra railway traffic, export and import duties, and the traders' tax on syndicates' profits. The additional net revenue accrued in this way probably amounted to at least 350,000 Egyptian pounds.

It is added that the Gezira project in 1925 was an important factor in saving the Government from what would have been a very costly and difficult problem in relieving the famine which otherwise would have occurred.

Future Changes. As regards the future many changes are in sight. For the current season the area under cotton has been increased from 80,000 to 100,000 feddans. As regards the more distant future the Government has concluded an agreement with a syndicate to extend the concession area from 800,000 to 465,000 feddans and ultimately to increase Government share to 40 per cent.—British Wireless Service.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

SLUMBERERS FALL FROM COCKLOFTS.

#### DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL.

Two Chinese met with serious accidents last night as the result of falling from cocklofts whilst asleep. The first case was reported by a Chinese salesman living at No. 17, Hing Hon Road, who stated that his daughter fell from the cockloft and about 9.30 his 14-year-old daughter received severe injuries to her head. She was immediately removed to the Government Civil Hospital and was advised. She died on the way to the latter institution.

In the other case, a coolie fell from a cockloft in a coolie house in which he was sleeping. This happened at 2 o'clock this morning, and he was removed by the Police to the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from injuries to his head.

to shield Communist propaganda of excuses.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day. Chiang Kai-shek, it is said, will resume the role of generalissimo as from January 1st.—Reuter.

## COMMERCIAL PHONES

Coming Service To All Countries.

#### CABLES v. WIRELESS.

Baron Inverforth's Views On The Controversy.

London, Yesterday. The early installation of a commercial telephone service to all countries served by the beam system was foreshadowed by Baron Inverforth at the annual meeting of Marconi's, which adopted the Directors' report on the effects of reconstruction and recommending a dividend of sixpence per share.

Baron Inverforth drew attention to the Company's progress. He said that up to now the results of the South African and Indian Companies gave reason for optimism. As regards the controversy of cables versus wireless, he said that nothing must be done to deprive the trading interests of the Empire of the advantages of beam.—Reuter.

#### Trans-Atlantic Service.

Rugby, Yesterday. Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the trans-Atlantic wireless telephone service Lord Wolmer, Assistant Postmaster-General, said that the revenue of the service covered the working costs but not yet depreciation and amortisation. Asked whether a reduction of the present rate of 25 per minute would not result in more traffic, Lord Wolmer replied that the traffic was steadily growing and the Postmaster-General, as present advised, was not prepared to reduce the rate. He hoped that, as business men more and more realised the great advantage which were to be obtained from using the service they would realise how extremely cheap it was.

Answering a further question whether the Postmaster-General would consider a reduction of the rate at certain hours of the day, Lord Wolmer said that the Postmaster-General had this and other suggestions before him. These matters raised, not only in this country, but also in America questions of the agreement between the two countries. As soon as he was so advised he would vary the rates as he thought fit.—British Wireless Service.

## LIRA AND FRANC.

WILL FRANCE FOLLOW ITALY'S EXAMPLE?

#### SPAIN'S GOOD POSITION.

Washington, Yesterday. In view of the close relationship of the lira and the franc Mr. Mellon and the Federal Reserve Board believe that Italy's adoption of the gold standard will probably be the forerunner of similar action by France.

Mr. Mellon is of opinion that Italy's action will not require a substantial exportation of gold from the United States and will not appreciably affect business since banking circles have been aware of the negotiations for some time.

Meanwhile the Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board calls attention to the fact that Spain has sufficient stocks of gold to adopt a gold basis at any time.—Reuter's American Service.

[Earlier cables from Rome and New York are published on page 2.]

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

GUEST OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Lloyd George has few public engagements in Brazil but will be the guest at a dinner given by the Brazilian Foreign Minister and will attend a reception of the British Chamber of Commerce at Rio.—British Wireless Service.

## POLICE PROMOTIONS.

CHIEF INSPECTOR KENT TO BE A.S.P.

INSPECTOR GRANT SUCCEEDS

Orders issued yesterday announce the following appointments in the Police Department, to date from January 1, 1928:—Chief Inspector Walter Kent to be Assistant Superintendent of Police, Hong Kong.

Divisional Inspector Peter Grant, at present in charge of West Point district, to be acting Chief Inspector, Hong Kong.

Divisional Inspector C. F. Aris, at present in charge of Yau-mat district, to be acting Chief Inspector, Kowloon.

Mr. Aris's Chief Inspectorship of Kowloon is a newly created post, there being up to the present one Chief Inspector for both Hong Kong and Kowloon.—Reuter.

## THREAT TO PEKING.

IMPORTANT NATIONALIST CAPTURE.

400 MILES AWAY.

Fresh Spurt in Race to the Northern Capital.

GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK RETURNING TO POWER.

After relief for a few months, Peking (the northern capital of China) is once more in danger of being attacked by potent adversaries who are now reaching to a point about 400 miles away.

Will history be repeated? When the Nationalists got to within 400 miles of Peking in the summer, there began a race between them and two other armies, but they were all thrown back in confusion.

An important capture for the Nationalists is claimed. Added to this is the prospect of General Chiang Kai-shek's immediate return to power. And there is no race with competitors this time.

## RACE FOR THE CAPITAL?

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Nationalists claim the capture of Lincheng, in the south of Shantung province, from the Northern armies.—Reuter.

Lincheng is about 400 miles from Peking, and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway runs through it, lying on the direct road of the Nationalists in their attempted march to Peking.

Some years ago, a large number of prominent foreign tourists were sensationally captured by bandits at Lincheng, the incident causing much anxiety to the Chinese Government.

By setting foot in Lincheng, the Nationalists have "climbed" into the last province but one to reach their goal.

#### CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

To Resume His Old Position Immediately?

Chinese reports to hand from the North point to General Chiang Kai-shek preparing to resume the position of commander-in-chief of the Nationalist armies, which he vacated a few months ago when he gave way to political intrigue.

Such a course may have a large effect on Nationalist activities and even on the war which is being pushed ahead against Peking.

Arbitrary Power. The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" says that officers have been appointed by Chiang Kai-shek to take charge of the army services and the main base supply at Nanking, two very important branches from which the various corps draw their pay and requirements.

As a matter of fact, it was control of these two organisations which gave Chiang Kai-shek his arbitrary power in the past.

It is anticipated that he will distribute a certain amount of pay to the troops as soon as he takes up the post at Nanking, the capital of the Nationalist Government.

Same Old Story. Several of the leading generals support Chiang Kai-shek's return to command in the field, although some of them opposed him before. The same old story has been repeated once more.

The generals were jealous of Chiang Kai-shek because he held the purse-strings. When he retired, the power went to a cabalistic council of war, so that the generals at the front still got little or nothing and they now think that Chiang Kai-shek, after all, may be better than a Council.

Some Opposition. But not all the generals are going to let Chiang Kai-shek have his way, in spite of the glamour attached to his name. He has very few troops who can be classed as his "diehards" and is, accordingly, looking for recruits.

Hunan province is the most likely field for the remnants of the defeated Hankow army are there. However, the Nanking generals at Hankow have made up their minds that Chiang Kai-shek is not to collect those remnants. And the best way to ensure this, they think, is to hasten up the attack on these remnants.

#### 200 MILES' GAIN.

How Nationalists Threaten Peking.

Within the last month or so, the Nationalists—in co-operation with the Kuomintang

—have won ground fairly rapidly against the Northern armies.

Many vicissitudes have been experienced by both sides in the war.

With the Kuomintang (under the "Christian General") coming in, the Northerners have had a bad time which has become worse through disagreement between Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and General Chang Tsung-chang.

Anxiety in Peking.

The Nationalist army has marched about 200 miles northwards and Peking is still another 400 miles away.

That anxiety is being felt by the Fengtien Government at Peking is evident from a new report that it is desirous of coming to peace with General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi province. The war between Fengtien and Shansi has been in a condition of stalemate for over a month but a truce has not been declared. Peace is wanted so that the Fengtien armies will be left free to resist the determined Nationalist offensive.

## ART SALE.

ELEVEN PICTURES FROM CURZON COLLECTION.

A ROMNEY FOR 12,000 GUINEAS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Eleven pictures from the collection of late Margus Curzon, former Foreign Secretary, were sold at Christie's sale rooms and realised 23,020 guineas. They included Romney's portrait of Lady Milner, which was knocked down for 12,000 guineas.—British Wireless Service.

#### COLLECTION DESTROYED.

Fatal Conflagration in Poland.

Warsaw, Yesterday. Nine persons were incinerated and fifteen seriously injured—the former including Freyer, one of the most prominent Polish athletes while doing rescue work—as the result of a great fire at Ozkow Castle, near Cnecow, in which a valuable collection of old masters and relics of Polish and Austrian history was destroyed.—Reuter.

## SUBMARINE LOSS.

KING GEORGE'S MESSAGE TO COOLIDGE.

#### A NATIONAL CALAMITY.

Rugby, Yesterday. The following message has been sent by His Majesty the King to the President of the United States:—

"I am much grieved at the sad disaster to the United States Navy submarine S-4, involving so great loss of life, and desire to assure you, Mr. President, the American people, and more especially the bereaved families, that they have my heartfelt sympathy in this national calamity."—British Wireless Service.

## ROYAL CHRISTMAS.

OBSERVING OLD CUSTOMS AT SANDRINGHAM.

Rugby, Yesterday. Their Majesties the King and Queen, with their little granddaughter, Princess Elizabeth, left London to-day for Sandringham, where Christmas will be spent in the customary way of making it a Royal family party.—British Wireless Service.



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**COMMERCE  
AND  
FINANCE.****GOLD STANDARD.****ITALIAN AGREEMENT FOR  
CREDITS.****STABILISING THE LIRA.**

Rome, Yesterday.

In connection with Italy's return

to the gold standard an agreement

has been concluded in London with

the Governors of the Bank of Eng-

land and the Federal Reserve Bank

of New York for credits of 125

million dollars of which 75

million will be provided from four-

teen of the big banks of the

United States having a gold stan-

dard and fifty millions from

Morgan's.—Reuter.

**The New Rates.**

Rome, Yesterday.

The new rates for the lira to

the pound sterling are 92.46 point

and to the dollar 19. The gold

lira is 3.66.—Reuter.

**"Work of Salvation."**

Rome, later.

Signor Mussolini, explaining to the

Cabinet the reasons for the return

of the gold standard, recalled his

speech in August last when he

proclaimed his determination to

defend the lira to the uttermost

and to brush mercilessly aside all

opposing this work of salvation.

His defence of the lira had been

completely victorious. All depre-

ciatory speculative efforts had failed.

A further improvement was pos-

sible but not desirable because it

would lead to periodical slumps

reacting prejudicially on the State

and taxpayers. He added that the

present rate of the lira was re-

markable because it corresponded

with the world price of gold.—Reuter.

**Stocks Rise.**

New York, Yesterday.

Following the stabilisation of

the lira the strength of Italian

issues was an outstanding feature

of the bond market. The entire

Italian list including industrial,

government, and Municipal obli-

gations, shot up nearly two points.—

Reuter's American Service.

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The idea of an Imperial Customs

Union is not new, but has taken on

a new setting under the inspiration

of Sir Alfred Mond. Speaking at a

meeting organised by the Empire

Industries Association, Sir Alfred

said that the key word of modern

industry was amalgamation. You

find it nationally and international-

ly. You have the vast economic

unity of the United States on the

one hand, and on the other you

have what looks like becoming the

economic unity of Europe. From

that he argued that the British Em-

pire must be similarly organised

lest it be crushed between the mil-

lstones. One need not complain that

in speaking of the economic unity

of Europe Sir Alfred is looking

rather far ahead. For it is a de-

velopment from which no country

would stand to gain more than

Great Britain. It is not, therefore,

a reason for driving us to an econ-

omic union of the Empire. That, of

course, might be advocated on its

own merits. In so far as union

can be achieved by the trusts and

cartels to which Sir Alfred re-

ferred, there is nothing new to

their growth within the Empire if

the materials for making them

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Sofguard, from Shanghai.  
Durlacher Sirdar, from Shanghai.

E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, 22nd December, 1927.

Unclaimed telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Company's local office for:—

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Commercial, from Seremban.  
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C. Hansen Hong Kong-Canton-Macao Steamboat Co., from Shanghai.

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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent.  
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**NOTICE.**

ON SATURDAY, the 24th December, All Departments will be OPEN until 6 p.m.  
On MONDAY, the 26th, and TUESDAY, the 27th December, all Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days, The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.  
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
Hong Kong, 23rd December, 1927.

**BANK HOLIDAYS.**

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 26th, and TUESDAY, the 27th instant. (Christmas Holidays).  
Hong Kong, 21st December, 1927.

**HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.**

**HOLIDAY MATCHES.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th.

Interport Trial  
PROBABLES v. ROYAL NAVY.  
Hong Kong Club Ground.  
Kick off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th.

Sunday Herald International  
Charity Cup Competition.  
SCOTLAND v. PORTUGAL.  
Hong Kong Club Ground.  
Kick off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

ENGLAND v. SOUTH CHINA.  
Hong Kong Club Ground.  
Kick-off at 3.45 p.m. sharp.  
Full Time in all these Games.  
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**NOTICE.**

WE have REMOVED our Offices to the New P. & O. Building (4th Floor), from 19th of December, 1927.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
Hong Kong, 17th December, 1927.

**NOTICE.**

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE OFFICES of the Douglas Steamship Company have been REMOVED to the New P. & O. Building (4th Floor), from MONDAY, 19th of December, 1927.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,  
General Managers,  
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.  
Hong Kong, 17th December, 1927.

**FINANCE MATTERS.**

**CONFUSION OVER PASSAGE PROVISION.**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENSES.**

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed the Council session yesterday, the Colonial Secretary presiding.  
Votes for supplementary expenditure totalling \$96,509 were approved.  
Dealing with the vote of an extra \$50,000 for the transport of Government Servants the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes asked how it was that the expenditure under this heading was so far from the original estimate. He pointed out that the margin of error was twenty-five per cent. and he wished to know who was responsible.

The Colonial Treasurer: I think the fault lies with the number of children for whom we very often have to provide passages.  
The Chairman: It is extraordinarily difficult to make an exact estimate in a matter of this kind.  
The Colonial Treasurer: Extra passages have no doubt been due to the alteration in leave regulations which entitles a Government servant to take leave after four years' service instead of after four and a half years.

Stationery Increases.  
The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton: I should like to draw attention to the increased cost of stationery. In 1926 it was a little over \$50,000. This year it will be \$72,000, an addition of \$22,000 or more than thirty per cent. No explanation is given of why there has been such a very considerable rise in the cost.  
The Colonial Treasurer: A great deal more printing is now being done in the jail than formerly. The jail now does practically all

Government printing. The cost of paper, which appears under stationery account, goes up, and the charges for printing go down. Also the requirements of the Colonial Secretariat, which supplies all departments with stationery, were greater this year.

Jail Printing.  
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton: Printing is not included in stationery.

The Colonial Treasurer: No.  
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton: The printing is done in jail and therefore larger purchases of paper are required. There should be a considerable saving then on the printing vote.

The Chairman: Every effort is made in the Government service to economise in stationery. A good deal of the money is really in suspense account. The stationery has to be purchased so that we may have it in stock when printing is required.

**MORE CHANGES.**

**YOUNG GENERAL AS  
CHIHLI TUPAN.**

Peking, Dec. 11.

From Mukden it is reported that several changes in the leading figures in Manchuria are imminent. The report states that General Wu Chun-sheng is to become Tupan of Fengtien, and that General Han Lin-chun will succeed General Wu as Tupan of Heilungkiang. The same report adds that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is to be appointed Tupan of Chihi in succession to General Chu Yu-pu.

**NOTICES.**

**STEAMSHIP SERVICE.**

**MACAO TO TIMOR.**

THE Government of Macao is prepared to accept proposals for the establishment of a steamship service between MACAO and TIMOR.

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ALMEIDA PINHEIRO,  
Harbour Master.  
Macao, 20th December, 1927.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
LAM MING FAN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, December 20th, 1927.

**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**

**ANNUAL RACE MEETING.**

13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Hong Kong, 15th December, 1927.

**FANLING HUNT  
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MISHIMA MARU ..... Friday, 20th January.

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RANGON MARU ..... Friday, 23rd December.  
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Presumably it has been looted and the crew made captives.

Pirate Blasts Ignored.

When the "Kinshan" was in the vicinity of the Tide Pole, a presumed pirate launch sounded four blasts as a signal for the ship to stop and attempted to come alongside. No notice was taken of the signal.

Shortly afterwards, an A.P.C. launch was met up with, this having on board a naval gun's crew, and was observed to be in chase of another presumed pirate launch, but this craft disappeared up a creek and could not be followed.

## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port on December 19 at noon with the outward English Mails, and is due here tomorrow at about 9 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Sunday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama for Vancouver on December 16 at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Sunday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 11 a.m. left Yokohama same day at 5 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 29 at a.m. She will sail for Manila on December 30 at 5 p.m.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

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##### THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Soochow (1,594) British, from Shanghai, Swatow, B. & S.—132 passengers, 450 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 80 tons general (through).

Yatsing (1,424) British, from Shanghai, Swatow, Jardine's—2 passengers, 710 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 750 tons general (through).

Luchow (1,221) British, from Dally, Amoy, B. & S.—37 passengers, 350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 50 tons general (through).

Chanan (1,355) British, from Haiphong, Hoehow, B. & S.—47 passengers, 1,350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 87 tons general (through).

Kashgar (5,561) British, from Yokohama, Shanghai, Mackinnon, Mackenzie—59 passengers, 40 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,540 tons general (through).

Svale (1,354) Norwegian, from Hoehow, Lee Fat—141 passengers, 2,170 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Corona (1,963) Norwegian, from Chinwangtao, Dodwell—3 passengers, 2,855 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,700 tons coal (through).

Seattle Maru (3,623) Japanese, from Calcutta, Singapore, O. S. K.—180 passengers, 1,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,000 tons general (through).

Borneo Maru (4,262) Japanese, from Yokohama, Moji, O. S. K.—893 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,775 tons general (through).

Bingo Maru (3,724) Japanese, from Yokohama, Moji, O. S. K.—24 passengers, 247 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,571 tons general (through).

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—55 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

For Canton:—Tonger, Soochow, Yat Shing, Luchow.  
For Macao:—Tak Hing.  
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Bingo Maru.  
For Moji:—Rakuyo Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	5	23
Japanese	3	10
Norwegian	2	9
Chinese	1	15
Dutch	0	4
American	0	1
Danish	0	1
Panama	0	1
Portuguese	0	2
French	0	4
	11	10

## COCHRAN'S FIGHTS.

£25,000 IN GATE MONEY REFUSED.

When one reads of the huge sums which went to the participants in this week's big fight in America and then passes to C. B. Cochran's story of the amounts paid in some recent big fights in this country the comparison is remarkable.

Writing in the "Royal Magazine" for October Mr. Cochran says:—  
As an example of how innocent I was in the beginning I thought I could get Joe Beckett for £100 for a fight at the Holborn Stadium. Not a bit of it; he began by wanting \$1,000, and when I said that was preposterous he "came down" to \$500. Bombardier Wells, his opponent, got the same amount—but, as it happened, the gate came to \$3,344, so I did not do so badly out of that fight.

Until the recent Walker-Milligan fight \$30,000 is the biggest gate I ever took at a boxing match. The fight was the Carpenter-Beckett one at the Stadium in 1919. Fully a thousand applications for 25 guinea tickets had to be refused because we simply had not the room. (This was the fight which lasted 78 seconds).

The question of whether boxers are really worth the money they get is often asked, and my reply (adds Mr. Cochran) is that it is all a matter of drawing power. When, for instance, Frank Goddard and Joe Beckett met under my direction \$500 would have been a generous purse for them from the point of view of boxing, but what they actually received was—Beckett £2,500, Goddard £2,000. The winner was to meet Carpenter, and this made the match a drawing card with the public.

Here is another W. G. Grave yarn:—Dr. Grace disliked losing his wicket if he could possibly avoid it. On one occasion he hit the ball high into the air, and, seeing the fielder shape for a safe catch, turned to the fielding captain, and said, "I declare the innings closed" before the ball had time to drop.

## ROCKET EXPLODES.

### INCIDENT ON THE "EMPERESS OF RUSSIA."

Three young mess boys employed on board the Canadian Pacific s.s. "Empress of Russia" at present undergoing her annual overhauling at the Kowloon Docks were yesterday removed to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to their faces, hands and body caused by the explosion of a rocket which they attempted to fire.

Whilst at work unloading a lighter at the reclamation off Walching Street, Yaumati, yesterday afternoon, a cargo coole was rendered unconscious when a heavy piece of timber fell on him. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

## HAY CARGOES.

### COMMENTS ON TWO RECENT FIRES.

Liverpool, Nov. 16.

Last week two cases of fire in cargoes of hay from British North America to this country were reported. The first of these was on board the C.P.R. liner "Metagama," the outbreak being first reported when the vessel was passing Greenock, and it will be remembered that although it was believed that the fire had been got under control, it broke out again after her arrival at Glasgow, and was not extinguished until a considerable amount of damage had been done, and the vessel had been gravely imperilled by the amount of water which had been pumped into her, and which caused her to take a serious list. The second case was that of the Belgian steamer "Menapier," which was first reported on fire off Dover, and which subsequently put into that port. At the time of writing no further details are available, and it is not known how serious this outbreak may prove to be.

These two cases are rather interesting, because they add one more to the list of interests in which fire at sea is apparently a serious casualty. From its very nature, hay is highly inflammable, and those who have seen a rick burning on shore can imagine what the consequences must be when a fire occurs in a ship's hold. Even if it is possible to prevent the access of air and so to prevent a conflagration, it is to be imagined that hay will smoulder for a very considerable period, and, moreover, the use of water as an extinguisher is almost certain to result in grave deterioration even if it does not render the whole of the interest valueless. To the present writer hay from British North America, especially in a liner, is a somewhat unusual interest. Presumably we in this country are short of hay fodder as a result of the recent bad summer, and Canada may have had a good hay harvest, which enables this interest to be shipped across the Atlantic on economic terms.

This is a point worth note by underwriters, because if there is much hay being shipped across the Atlantic it would be well if they were to pay especial attention to the question of the possibility of fire and its consequences. It must be remembered that any highly inflammable cargo which may require large quantities of water for extinguishing purposes, is a serious danger to other cargo carried in the same vessel, if only because an outbreak may result in a serious General Average, while it must not be overlooked that before now vessels and their cargoes have been completely lost as a result of fire, even in these days of modern steamers and efficient extinguishing apparatus.

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MANILA MARU ..... Saturday, 31st December.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
BORNEO MARU ..... Friday, 23rd December.  
KASADO MARU ..... Tuesday, 3rd January.  
SHUNKO MARU ..... Friday, 6th January.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
MEXICO MARU ..... Thursday, 5th January.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.  
BINGO MARU ..... Friday, 23rd December.  
SEATTLE MARU ..... Tuesday, 24th January.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.  
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai), Wednesday, 21st December.  
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

TAIKWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
HAVANA MARU ..... Friday, 6th January.

JAPAN PORTS  
SEATTLE MARU ..... Friday, 23rd December.  
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KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Strait & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,156	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,988	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,863	26th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARNATA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,940	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th April	Marseilles & London
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SANTHIA	7,754	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,988	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,863	13th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,006	18th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,988	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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## BIAS BAY PIRATES.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI'S  
VISIT TO PEKING.

Next to the exploit in which a submarine surprised the pirates of Bias Bay the best news we ("China Express and Telegraph") have received concerning this menace to peaceful trade in South China comes as a result of the recent visit of the Governor of Hong Kong to Peking. Sir Cecil Clementi, who has been most active in tackling the pirate problem, recently took a two months' holiday, and on his way back from Japan called at Peking where, it is reported, he has succeeded in persuading the Japanese, French, Italian and American diplomatists to agree to a joint plan of action with the British for the suppression of the evil. The matter will no doubt have to be referred by the authorities concerned to their respective governments, but it is pretty certain that Sir Cecil Clementi had already obtained Japanese sanction for his scheme before he broached the subject in Peking. He is not the man to have been idle during his holiday, part of which was spent among the highest officials in Tokyo. Obviously, in the face of such increasing audacity as the Bias Bay "farmers" have shown, the British navy alone cannot handle the problem. All nations are concerned, none more than the Chinese, and the time has arrived when all must unite in a common effort to secure the freedom of China waters from a pest which hitherto has baffled all attempts to eradicate it. Details of the plan are awaited with a good deal of curiosity, though it may be that secrecy is absolutely necessary for its success. Whatever its nature, any plan for putting an end to piracy in South China waters will be heartily welcomed.

## U. S. GUNBOATS.

FIRST OF YANGTZE PATROL  
ON HER TRIALS.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.  
Six river gunboats being built by the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works for the American Yangtze Patrol will soon be ready for putting into commission. The first of the six ships has been completed and is at present undergoing trials on the Yangtze. Another will be ready within the next five or six weeks, and it is understood that the four remaining vessels will be completed at the rate of one per month thereafter.

The new vessels are the Guam, Tutuila, Samoa, Luzon, Mindanao and the Cebu. The Guam was completed some time ago and is being tested by a board of American naval officers, headed by Captain Wallace Berthoff, which arrived here from Manila some days ago.

Trials of the Guam are at present being made on the Yangtze river, and a radio message from the gunboat reported that she is proving satisfactory, and that her speed under trials is actually greater than that called for in the specifications. The trials started on Wednesday and will be continued to-day, after which the Guam will be turned over to American naval representatives who have arrived here.

## Navy Board Here.

The Navy Board sent from Manila to superintend the trials of the Guam and the other ships consists of Captain Wallace Berthoff, Lieutenant-Commander Adrian R. Marron, Lieutenant W. W. Pace and Ensign Edmund A. Cunningham. Officers have been ordered to the Guam for duty when she is ready.

The vessels comprising the present Yangtze patrol are the "Falos," "Monocacy," "Villalobos," "Elcano" and "Isabel." They are very old vessels and have been in commission many years. It is believed that when the six new gunboats are ready the old vessels will be taken out of commission and probably scrapped.

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Tian via Swatow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Wed, 4th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Nientsin	CHIFSHING	Fri, 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.
Kobe via Amoy, Moji & Yokohama	KUMSANG	Sun, 26th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Sun, 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Wed, 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	YATSHING	Fri, 23rd Dec., at 5 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Sun, 1st Jan., at 8 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Wed, 11th Jan., at 8 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Satur, 24th Dec., at 11 a.m.
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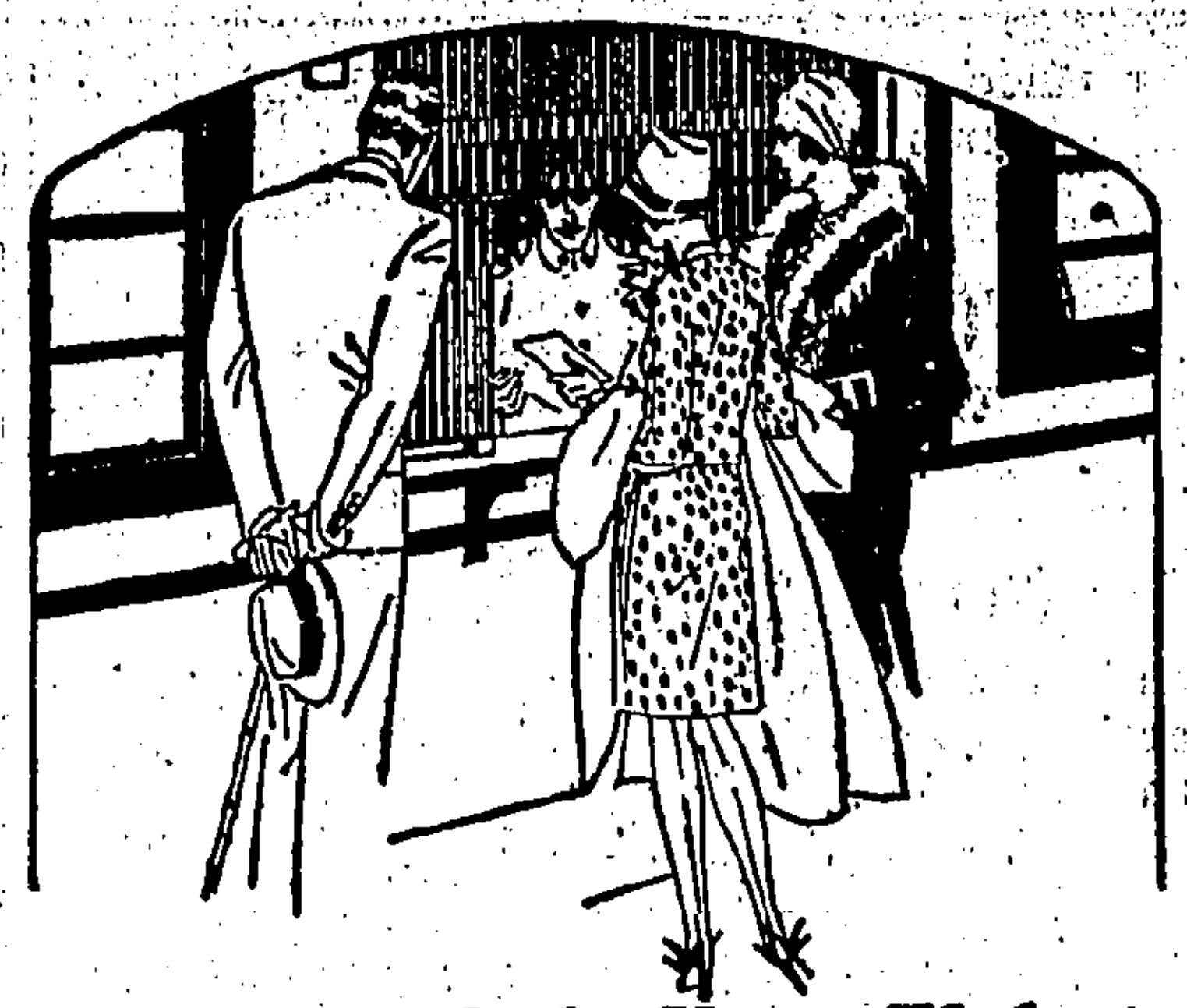
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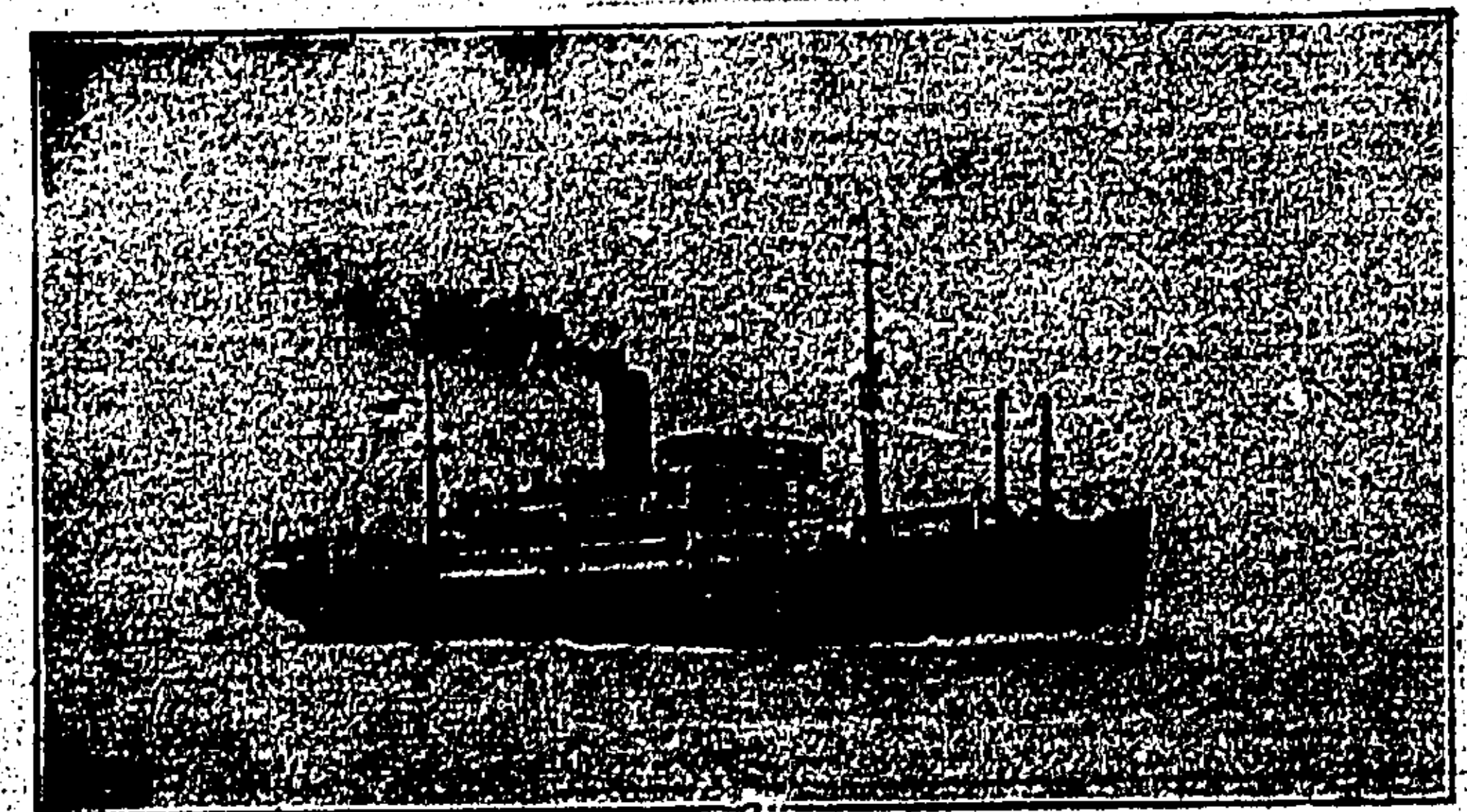
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## SILVER WEDDING.

HARLEY-FRASER—On November  
22, 1902, in Hong Kong  
Cathedral, William Frank  
Harley to Ethel Fraser.

## DEATHS.

CRUICKSHANK.—On November  
19, at Villa La Madeleine,  
Cannes, William Arthur Cruick-  
shank, formerly of  
Hong Kong, aged 67.

DONOVAN.—On November 19,  
at Shamrock, Tarkenton,  
Avenue, Bogor, the beloved  
wife of J. P. Donovan, retired  
Commissioner Chinese Postal  
Administration.

GRAHAM.—On November 10,  
at Cheltenham, Catharine  
Hannah (Kate), widow of  
George Frederick Graham,  
I. M. Customs, Shanghai.

KIRKE.—On October 29, on  
board the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa,"  
homeward bound, Mabel, wife  
of C. C. A. Kirke, C.B.E., lately  
H.M. Consul of Swatow.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 23, 1927.

## THE CASE FOR THE CONCESSIONS.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, the  
Secretary of State for Foreign  
Affairs, has again spoken on  
China in the House of Commons,  
and again has emphasised that  
the Government intend to proceed  
with the policy which was laid  
down a year ago, a policy which,  
theoretically ideal, is, in the  
opinion of Britons working and  
living in the country, going to in-  
volve distinct hardship in prac-  
tice. In the House Sir Austen  
was questioned regarding the  
White Paper (published last  
week) in which the Government  
announced its decision to surren-  
der the leases in the Chinese  
treaty ports conceded by the  
China Government between 1851  
and 1861. Not a grain of comfort  
is to be derived from his reading  
of the decision, and his statement

that, as regards their future  
ownership, he had no reason to  
anticipate any change likely to be  
detrimental to British interests  
will carry no conviction among  
the lessees and other Britons in  
the Concessions. That he intends  
to pursue that policy, which many  
of us think will prove disastrous,  
is unfortunately proven by his  
reminder that the Government  
proposed to relax rather than ex-  
tend British control in the ad-  
ministration of those municipal  
areas.

That reminder puts the case in  
a nutshell. It means, in effect,  
that the Concessions at Tientsin,  
Chinkiang, Amoy and Canton  
(Shameen, that is) are doomed to  
suffer the fate that has already  
overtaken the Concessions at  
Hankow and Kiukiang. Grass is  
growing in the streets of what  
was the Hankow Concession; the  
bund is a dirty and neglected  
stretch of waterfront; shipping  
and commercial activities have  
ceased; what few Britons there  
are still in the place spend their  
time in empty offices and the  
club, hoping against hope for a  
change for the better. Sir  
Austen Chamberlain, by virtue of  
his pronouncement in the House  
of Commons a couple of days ago,  
has killed their aspirations. What  
is equally unpleasant is the fact  
that he has confirmed the worst  
fears of their fellows in the other  
Concessions. Britain is going to  
relax control in these areas.  
They all know what this will  
mean, and so should the Secretary  
of State for Foreign Affairs.

It is not too late, however, to  
stay the doom of these other Con-  
cessions. Energetic representa-  
tion of the grave and ruinous con-  
sequences that will follow the  
operation of the Government's  
policy may still be made; and this  
is where individual Members like  
Mr. Looker and bodies like the  
China Association can prove of  
supreme usefulness. Members  
of Parliament, as much as the  
British public as a whole, are  
ignorant of what is taking place  
in China and where the Govern-  
ment's policy is leading us. The  
debate on the Shanghai Defence  
Force supplementary estimates  
the other day vividly brought this  
fact to notice. What is required  
at Home is forceful repetition of  
the case for the Concessions.

Mainly because of increases in  
the prices of eggs, the cost of  
living at Home advanced by two  
points in October.

According to reports from Bas-  
rah, fifty persons, including twenty  
police, were murdered in the  
Wahab's raid on the Irak frontier  
police post.

## PLAYING THE GAME.

CHINESE AND ASSOCIATION  
FOOTBALL.

## DUTY OF EUROPEANS.

[By "Mentor."]

Saturday after Saturday, as we  
see the huge crowds wending  
their way to the football matches  
we wonder how all those Chinese  
spent their Saturday afternoons  
ten years ago. The great wall in  
England, that far too many  
people look on while only a  
sprinkling play, does not carry  
much weight here because, on  
Saturdays, all our pitches are  
utilised, and if a hundred more  
lads desired to play they would  
have to mark out makeshift  
pitches on the Wanchai reclama-  
tion or betake themselves to  
Aberdeen or Stanley for a piece of  
flat ground. So if we want more  
players we must have more play-  
ing fields. These great gather-  
ings are of comparatively recent  
growth and are a sign that the  
Chinese are now aware of the  
value of outdoor games and bodi-  
ly exercise. The beneficial effects  
are seen in the improved physique  
of many of the young Chinese.  
This is good, but there is a fly in  
the ointment, and the football  
boom is fraught with dangers.

## Victory Not The Thing.

It has often been said that far  
too many of us set too much store  
on winning competitions instead  
of getting enjoyment, either as  
players or watchers, out of the  
games themselves. The game  
should be primary, the result  
secondary; but far too often the  
reverse is the case. Big crowds  
are largely responsible for this  
because they put a fictitious value  
on the competition, and, with  
their mob psychology, engender  
barracking and all too audible  
criticism of the players and re-  
feree. If such sportsmanlike  
conduct came from only the  
rougher element of the Chinese  
spectators one might shrug one's  
shoulders and hope that in time  
those fanatics would drop such  
tunefully, however, some Euro-  
peans are not altogether blame-  
less, and this fact is greatly to be  
deplored.

## Boorishness.

We have taught the Chinese  
how to play Association Foot-  
ball, and very apt pupils have  
they proved to be. We are proud  
of their skill, artistry and team  
work, and when they go to Shang-  
hai or tour Australia we follow  
their doings as eagerly as we  
would an Interport side. But  
our tuition must not stop here.  
Just as the masters in the various  
schools have taught the Chinese  
scholars how to play, even so  
should European spectators show  
the Chinese spectators how to  
view a game sportingly. Some of  
the remarks we have heard in the  
local grandstands from Europeans  
are worthy of a frenzied pit-man  
or mill-worker at a "local derby"  
at home howling on his team to  
win by hook or by crook (that is  
putting it mildly) and thinking  
of the shilling or half-crown he  
has laid on the home side. Euro-  
peans here should be exempt  
from such boorishness. Each  
should realise that, in a way, he  
is an ambassador, that he is one  
of the ruling minority, and that,  
though he suspects it not, his  
actions are being scrutinised. We  
know that it is impossible for  
some persons to watch a game and  
keep cool; they must get excited,  
their pulse quickens and even  
though both teams are strangers  
to them they inevitably find their  
sympathy going to one lot or  
combatants. There is nothing  
wrong in that, and in all proba-  
bility these people derive more  
pleasure from watching a game  
than less highly strung phlegma-  
tics do; but their eagerness  
should not blind them to the  
virtues of the other side, nor  
should it cause them to wink at  
questionable tactics indulged in by  
their favourites and then howl in  
indignation, and very often  
execration, should the others re-  
taliate. There is such a thing as  
"playing the game" in the stand  
as well as on the field.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL.

## POST OFFICE ANNOUNCE ARRANGEMENTS.

A notice from the General Post  
Office gives the following particu-  
lars regarding the Christmas hol-  
iday arrangements:—On Monday,  
December 26, and Tuesday, De-  
cember 27, the General Post  
Office and the branch offices  
will be open as follows:—  
The G.P.O. on Monday from  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and on Tuesday  
from 8 a.m. to noon. The Kowloon  
Post Office will be open on Monday  
from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and on  
Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
The Wanchai, Sheungwan, Sai-  
yungpun, Yaumati and Shamshu-  
po branch offices will be open from  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each day. There will  
be no collection from the pillar  
boxes, and one delivery of ordinary  
correspondence each day, as on  
Sundays, and one delivery of regis-  
tered correspondence each day at  
9 a.m.

## FAKED NOTES?

PHOTO ENGRAVER IN  
COURT.

## A COPPER DESIGN.

Further evidence was taken by  
Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central  
Magistracy this morning in the case  
in which a Chinese employee in the  
photographer department of the  
Commercial Press, Belcher Street,  
Kennedy Town, is charged with  
making a copper design of a \$5 note  
of the Central Bank of China; and  
three other men were charged with  
aiding and abetting him.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the  
defence of the Commercial Press  
employee, whilst the other accused  
were defended by Mr. C. S. Hugh-  
Jones.

A young apprentice, employed in  
the photographer department of the  
Commercial Press gave evidence  
this morning. He said that on  
November 22 at about 6 p.m. after  
he had had his food, the second ac-  
cused asked him to accompany him  
to the Ming Sing Chong photo-  
grapher's shop near the Central  
Market.

When they arrived, they found  
the first and third accused waiting  
outside the shop. Second accused  
remained outside with the others,  
and sent the witness in to call out  
a man named Kwan Man. They  
then went to Blake Pier where the  
second accused held a conversation  
in low tones with Kwan Man, and  
then all five adjourned to a tea  
house.

Here the second accused handed  
to Kwan Man a \$5 note of the Cen-  
tral Bank of China and asked him  
to make a photograph of it. Kwan  
Man asked for \$40 for the job, and  
after consulting Nos. 1 and 3, the  
accused agreed to pay the price as-  
ked by Kwan Man. Then No. 1

handed No. 2 a \$5 note of the Hong  
Kong and Shanghai Bank, and the  
latter gave this to Kwan Man as  
payment on account, promising to  
pay the balance of \$35 later on.

The next morning the witness  
was working on the verandah of the  
Commercial Press Building when he  
noticed Kwan Man coming along  
the street. Second accused who  
was on the adjoining verandah  
also saw Kwan Man and went down  
to meet him. They both disappear-  
ed round a corner and about five  
minutes later second accused re-  
turned to the works.

The case continued in the after-  
noon.

## WOMAN KILLED.

## ARMED ROBBERS' PALTRY HAUL.

The police have received the re-  
port of an armed robbery which  
was stated to have been committed  
by a Chinese man and a woman on  
Wednesday night at Saiwan,  
Cheungchau. The raid resulted in  
one of the victims being murdered,  
and the robbers got away with only  
two pieces of jewellery worth \$5.

At the time of the raid the only  
people in the house, which was un-  
numbered, were a 76-year-old Chi-  
nese woman and her grand-daughter.  
The story of how the old woman  
met her death was told to the police  
by the little girl.

The girl and her grandmother  
were sleeping when they were  
awakened at about 7.30 in the even-  
ing by the robbers breaking down  
the door. The old woman went out  
of the sleeping room to investigate  
and was roughly handled by the  
robbers, and when the girl rushed  
out a little later upon hearing  
groans of agony from her grand-  
mother, she found that the latter  
strangled by one of the intruders.

Place Ransacked.  
The old woman pleaded for her  
life, telling the robbers to take  
everything, and eventually the rob-  
bers released her after warning her  
not to make so much noise. Then  
the female robber entered the sleep-  
ing room and proceeded to ransack  
the place.

Whilst this was going on, the girl  
saw her chance and slipped out of  
the house. She proceeded to a  
neighbour's house where she gave  
the alarm, and when she had suc-  
ceeded in securing assistance and re-  
turned to the house she found that  
the robbers had run away. Her  
grandmother was lying dead on the  
floor, and by her side was knife with  
which it was believed the old woman  
had been butchered by the robbers.

The girl would not be able to  
identify either of the robbers be-  
cause they had painted their faces  
black.

## A FORMER RESIDENT.

## DEATH OF MR. W. A. C. CRUICKSHANK.

The death is reported from  
Cannes, at the age of 67, of Mr.  
William Arthur Cruickshank, who  
will be remembered by old re-  
sidents of Hong Kong as one of  
the heads of Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson and Co. before it be-  
came a limited company, over  
twenty years ago. Mr. Cruick-  
shank was a popular resident of  
Hong Kong in those days, and, like  
most members of the Princesly  
House before and after him, took a  
keen interest in racing. "China  
Express and Telegraph."

## ISLAMIC UNION.

MOSQUE AND CEMETERY  
IMPROVEMENTS.

## NEW OFFICE-BEARERS.

The annual general meeting of  
the Hong Kong Islamic Union took  
place recently. Owing to the un-  
avoidable absence of the Chairman,  
Mr. U. Ramjahn, the chair was oc-  
cupied by Mr. S. Ackbar.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Juman  
Ali, having read the notice conven-  
ing the meeting, Mr. Ackbar re-  
viewed the activities of the Society  
at some length and mentioned the  
various improvements that had  
been made in the Mohammedan  
Mosque and cemetery. He men-  
tioned that through the great trou-  
ble that Mr. Sopher, Hon. Treasurer,  
had taken in the collection of sub-  
scriptions, the Society was now in  
a fairly good financial position. He  
thanked Khan Sahib Nawab Khan,  
of the Indian Muslim Society, for  
the valuable services he had ren-  
dered in connection with the im-  
provements in the cemetery.

Mr. Ackbar proposed the adop-  
tion of the report and accounts. Mr.  
S. A. Hamid seconded carried un-  
animously.

Mr. Ackbar tendered his resigna-  
tion as a trustee of the Mosque and  
guardian of the cemetery, and Mr.  
Sopher was elected in his place.  
The following were elected office-  
bearers for the ensuing year:—  
Mr. U. Ramjahn (Chairman).  
Mr. S. Sopher (Hon. Treasurer).  
Mr. Juman Ali (Hon. Secretary).  
Messrs. J. M. Dyer, O. Madar,  
A. A. Samy, S. Ackbar, and Abdul  
Karim (Committee).

A vote of thanks was accorded to  
the Chairman on the motion of Mr.  
A. Rahmin, seconded by Mr. D.  
Ramjahn.

## DRIVER CHARGED.

## WOMAN WHO WAS KNOCKED DOWN.

The Chief Justice and a jury con-  
tinued with the case this morning  
in which Sandi Khan, Mr. C. Bern-  
ard Brown's Indian chauffeur, is  
charged with the manslaughter of  
a Chinese woman named Ip Ching,  
who died from severe injuries re-  
ceived through being knocked down  
in Connaught Road West on the  
night of November 21 by a Buick  
motor car driven by the accused.

The case for the Crown was con-  
ducted by Mr. S. Fitzroy, whilst Mr.  
Leo d'Almada, Jun., appeared for  
the defence and produced in Court  
a model of the section of Connaught  
Road where the accident occurred.

When the case was resumed this  
morning Mr. C. Bernard Brown  
said that on the evening in  
question he drove the car from the  
Hong Kong Club to Jardine's cor-  
ner, arriving there at 8.5. Prison-  
er then took the car. Standing or-  
ders were that he should return it  
to the garage, which should have  
been reached half-an-hour later.  
Sandi Khan had been in witness's  
employ for six months, and except  
for one occasion, when he was  
drunk, had given entire satisfac-  
tion.

Constable's Evidence.  
An Indian constable who said that  
prisoner gave him a lift on the  
night of the accident said that when  
they approached the godowns the  
speed of the car was about 10 miles  
an hour. They knocked down two  
people, and prisoner sounded his  
horn once. The car then collided  
with a lamp post. Witness told the  
prisoner to stop, but he refused.

Cross-examined, the constable  
said he did not know if prisoner  
had any drink. He was sure  
the speed was not more than 10  
miles an hour. When witness saw  
the two people who were knocked  
down they were walking in the mid-  
dle of the road. Whilst passing the  
godown he saw no other car along  
in the opposite direction.  
The case is proceeding.

## CENTRAL HEATING.

## "SUNSHINE TABLETS" ON VIEW.

"Sunshine tablets" are reported  
to be on view at a medical exhibi-  
tion in Manchester, and "one of  
these pellets, it is claimed, will  
provide the body with as much vitamin  
D as would be absorbed through  
the naked skin in one hour of  
strong actinic light in the South of  
France or in Switzerland."

Comrades, let me bring you tidings  
Brighter than I ever brought;  
Winter's churlishness and chills  
Shortly will be set at naught;  
Gaily shall we pay our footing  
To the fierce blast that chills  
Now they've found a way of putting  
Sunshine up in little pills.

Keats, to be completely candid,  
On the whole it seems to ap-  
pear, Still, the dope that Keats demanded  
Took a rather awkward shape;  
Who could carry round a beaker  
Of the warm, authentic South?  
Rather let the sunshine seeker  
Pop a pill into his mouth.

Give me, then, the sunshine pellet.  
Never mind about the dose—  
Tell me quickly where they sell it  
That I may acquire a gross;  
With my own prescription gaily  
Shall the bottle then be decked—  
"To be taken in dozens daily."  
As the weather may direct.  
—LUCIO in "Manchester Guar-  
dian."  
"O for a beaker full of the warm  
South!"



## RUSSIA'S CLAIM.

\$98,104 FROM LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

## REBUFF TO SOVIET.

New York, Yesterday. The explosion of the "Black Tom" ammunition dump in New York harbour in 1914 was recalled to-day when a cheque for \$98,104 has been paid in settlement of a suit for damages by the Karsensky Government of Russia against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for loss of the ammunition.

The cheque is payable to "Serge Ughot," whom the State Department recognised as plaintiff's representative in the United States.

The Soviet Government's motion for the appointment of a receiver to take over the fund was negatived a month ago.—Reuter's American Service.

## FRENCH FINANCE.

## PROTECTIVE TARIFF ON OILS.

## BUDGET DETAILS.

Paris, Yesterday. The government measure revising the tariff on oils has been issued. It provides for protection to the extent of 39.98 francs per metric quintal of crude oil for French producers and 18.80 francs per 100 kilograms for medium crude oil for refiners.

The Senate by 273 votes to 17, passed the Budget form showing estimated receipts francs 42,497,000, 000 francs, with an excess of receipts over expenditure of 196,000, 000 francs.—Reuter.

## WINTRY YULETIDE.

## MINOR ACCIDENTS GENERAL IN EUROPE.

## ICE-COATED STREETS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The number of persons treated in London hospitals for broken limbs and other casualties caused through falling on the ice-coated streets yesterday was even larger than already reported. Two thousand cases were treated at sixteen hospitals and they included some hundreds of cases of broken bones.

Press reporters indicate that many similar street accidents occurred in Paris and some German towns, where, as in London, rain fell while the ground temperature was still below freezing point.—British Wireless Service.

## LATE MR. C. KLINK.

## APPLICATION FOR WILL IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 20. In the United States Court for China, yesterday, Mr. F. J. Schuhl presented the will of the late Mr. Charles Klink for probate, and informed Judge M. D. Purdy that an estate of about \$15,000,000 has been left in Hong Kong, and about \$15,000 in Shanghai. Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., represented a daughter of deceased in Manila. Judge Purdy ordered the usual publication of citations for three weeks.

Mr. Schuhl requested the Court's permission to question Mr. S. H. Lewis, who drew up the will, as the latter intended leaving for Penang before the end of the year.

Permission being granted, Mr. Lewis said that he drew up the will in January, this year, whilst deceased was confined in the Victoria Nursing Home. At all times his mind seemed clear, whilst witness took instructions.

Replying to his Honour, witness said that deceased died in September, this year. Mr. Bryan elicited from witness that deceased left hospital before he died, and that Captain Messer, husband of one daughter, who is to receive a large part of the income, asked witness to call on the late Mr. Charles Klink. According to the provisions of the will, a son in America is to receive \$12,000, there is a trust fund of \$50,000 for a blind son in Hong Kong, of the residue counsel's client has a life interest in one-quarter, her son to have the principal on her death, whilst Mrs. Messer is to receive three-quarters of the residue. Witness also told the Court that there had been a former will, which deceased, after adding a codicil, destroyed.

His Honour over-ruled Mr. Bryan's questions regarding the provisions of the destroyed document and the case was adjourned.

Edward Lloyd, aged 81, a miner, was at Durham Assizes sentenced to death for the murder of Police Constable Matthew Straughan at Liberty-villas, North Hylton, on June 28. The jury added to their verdict a strong recommendation to mercy.

## A FATAL "SPIN."

## INQUEST ON DEAD AIR MECHANIC.

## FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Further evidence was heard by Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroner's jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Leading Aircraftman French of the R.A.F., who was killed on the night of December 10 as the result of an accident whilst out for a spin with Mr. D. S. Pethick on the latter's Harley-Davidson motor cycle combination.

Sub-Inspector Phillips spoke about Mr. Pethick's condition when he reported the accident at the police station. The witness said that Mr. Pethick appeared dazed, and had abrasions on his left leg and his trousers were torn. He was covered with red earth. The witness added that Mr. Pethick was not drunk.

The witness then spoke about the finding of the body in Prince Edward Road, and said that he searched it later at the mortuary and removed several personal articles from the pockets.

Flying Officer Fowler: Why was the body not searched before it was handed over to a Chinese in the Mortuary?

Witness: The body was sent to the Kowloon Hospital and I had no opportunities of searching it. The hospital authorities sent it to the Mortuary.

In reply to the Coroner witness said that there were no signs of Mr. Pethick having had any drink.

A Missing Lamp. A contractor's coolie employed to watch the parts of Prince Edward Road which were under repair, said that during his period of watch from 6 p.m., to midnight it was his duty to see that the danger lights were burning.

His Worship: Where did you spend most of your time? In a matchbox or sitting down?

Witness: I was walking about and standing around all the time. I had not time to sit down.

How many times did you visit the lamps?—Five or six times. Continuing witness said that the lights burned brightly until on one occasion when he visited the obstacle where the accident happened. One of the lights was missing. The other was still alight. The missing lamp was replaced.

When the witness replaced the missing lamp he did not see any body or vehicle on the road, and he noticed nothing unusual except that a cross board seemed slightly out of position.

Earth Not There. Mr. F. E. Lawrence, overseer of the Public Works Department, said that he examined the work which was being carried out at the place where the accident occurred. It was the construction of a storm water drain from Waterloo Road extension to the Mongkok nullah. Witness visited these works almost daily.

Prior to the accident witness had only passed the place at night when the work was first started. He had visited the spot since the tragedy and found that there were four lamps on the obstacle at night.

Referring to the earth on the roadway, witness said that it was not there when he last visited the place.

Continuing witness said that his instructions were that roads could be safely opened up to a minimum width of ten and a half feet, which was sufficiently wide for the fire engines to pass.

The inquiry was again adjourned.

## MYSTERY &amp; DRAMA.

## "THE CHINESE PARROT" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Again have the Hong Kong Amusements Company scored a brilliant success in the art (or is it science) of picture picking. At the Queen's they are now screening a photoplay full of drama and mystery and intense human interest called "The Chinese Parrot." The scenery, too, is beautiful. The story hinges around a string of pearls, "tears of the ocean," and the efforts of crooks to obtain them. The central character is Charlie Chan, a Chinese detective from Honolulu, a part played by K. Sojin, though a better-known name is Florence Turner, Hobart Bosworth (who doubles two of the leading characters) and Edmund Burns. The picture drew crowded "houses" yesterday, and will be shown to-day and to-morrow.

There is a sparkling "Felix" cartoon and a Paramount news-reel also in the programme.

A settlement was reached of the action before Mr. Justice Astbury by Mr. G. W. Peachey, a director of the Arsenal Football Club Ltd., against the three other directors of the club. Mr. Peachey agreed to resign "here and now," defendants undertaking to pay his taxed costs in that action and in another action in Mr. Justice Clouston's list all further proceedings being stayed.

## ALLEGED FRAUD.

## CHRISTIE AND BLUMH IN COURT AGAIN.

## RESERVISTS' EVIDENCE.

The hearing was begun by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in the case in which James Christie and Christopher Blumh who were recently discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a charge of alleged traffic in morphia, are indicated on a fresh charge of criminal conspiracy to defraud Au Yeung Kin Heng, the Chinese Police Reservist who was introduced to the accused by Leslie Ernest Haynes as a merchant from Malaya and a prospective buyer of the drug.

The whole of yesterday's sitting was taken up in the hearing of the evidence of Au Yeung who repeated the story he told before Mr. Lindsell when the accused were charged under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

He explained how he was introduced to Haynes by the police and afterwards taken by Haynes to the accused's office at No. 480, Nathan Road where the first question Christie asked him was "You wanchee morph?"

The witness, by arrangement with the police, pretended that he did not understand English, and his discussion with Christie about price was interpreted by a man named Kay. The witness was sure that throughout the discussion the Chinese word meaning "all" was never used by Kay. Kay also never mentioned morphia to the witness. The phrase he used in reference to the subject of the discussion was "ko to fo," meaning "that cargo." The witness understood, however, that morphia was referred to because before Kay's arrival, Christie had used the word "morph" to the witness.

## CINEMA NOTES.

## "THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII."

The Last Days of Pompeii, one of the most spectacular films ever produced, depicting the eruption of Vesuvius and the destruction of the city of Pompeii, will be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The picture cost \$100,000 to make, required a year to complete, and employed 45,000 persons. Cinema-goers are reminded that, owing to the length of the picture, screening begins promptly at the advertised time. The orchestra plays at 5 and 9.30 and an interpreter attends at 2.30 and 7.15.

## AT THE STAR.

The picture at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "Wandering Husbands," a domestic drama with an unusual climax. The leading players are James Kirkwood, Lila Lee, and Margaret Livingston.

## HOW CHINA STANDS.

## PRESS COMMENTS UPON YANG YU-TING'S STATEMENTS.

That the Tanaka Ministry opened negotiations for solving the pending questions on Manchuria and Mongolia with the Generalissimo Office, Peking, means a recognition of its sovereignty over Manchuria and Mongolia. The same recognition is the first expression of the Ministry's good will to the Generalissimo Office. It is intended to settle all the long pending issues with the same good will, wedded to the reciprocal good will expected from the Generalissimo Office, in order to substantiate the Sino-Japanese solidarity, as a common motto of the two peoples' runs.

The Generalissimo Office, Peking, interprets this as an act of aggression, and at the start, without stopping to weigh things carefully, incited the populace in the Three Eastern Provinces to rise against the Peking negotiations, and on realising the futility of such move, Yang Yu-ting's statement made its appearance, only to court the righteous indignation of the Japanese officialdom and people, at the risk of forfeiting the good will of the Tanaka Ministry for the Generalissimo Office, Peking.

General Yang's statement has not only roused ill feeling in Japan, but also in the West, in particular in the United States.

The most influential journals have arrayed themselves as if by concert against the General's statement. Setting aside the accuracy of this almost concerted attack, we feel flattered to notice in these attacks words appreciative of Japan's activities in Manchuria and Mongolia, including those of the S.M.R. Co.

Among these passages we find: "Japan of to-day is not ambitious to strengthen her political foothold in Manchuria and Mongolia."

Another runs: "What has made Manchuria what it is now is through Japan's effort, and those who are benefited thereby are China and the Chinese." A third states: "No capitalistic people on earth will care to invest in China at present, but Japan's investments for developing Manchuria and Mongolia may be regarded as quite another matter." Still another opines that "China need not ask where-from the capital has come as long as Japan's enterprises in Manchuria are for opening up China." We might be permitted to quote a few more. Another states: "The Generalissimo Office may hope to retain its influence in China by securing Japan's trust and concert." There is still another that "compares any attempt on China's part to discredit Japan in the eyes of the United States through Yang's statement to an effort to change the

## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Last Days of Pompeii." To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Chinese Parrot." To-day—Star Theatre; "Wandering Husbands."

To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m. To-day—Grand Concert at the City Hall under the auspices of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., 7 p.m.

December 24—Dinner dance at King Edward Hotel, 8.30 to midnight.

December 25-26—Star Theatre; "I. N. R. I."

December 25-26—World Theatre; "The Palm Beach Girl."

December 25-26—Queen's Theatre; "The Kid Brother."

December 27-28—World Theatre; "Tin Hats."

December 27-28—Star Theatre; "The Lucky Lady."

December 29-31—Queen's Theatre; "Resurrection."

December 29-31—World Theatre; "Alma of the South Seas."

December 29-31—Star Theatre; "Padlocked."

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

## Sports.

December 24—Hong Kong Football Association holiday matches, H.K. Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

December 24—Christmas meeting of the Fanning Club at Kwantung, 3.45 p.m.

December 25—International football match for "Sunday Herald Sup": Scotland v. Portugal, 3.45 p.m.

December 26—Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition: Scotland v. Portugal, H.K. Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

December 26—Fanning Hunt meet for December Cup, at Mr. Potts' bungalow, 11 a.m.

December 27—Football match: England v. S. China, H.K. Club ground, 3.45 p.m.

Meeting.

January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Vaux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

December 29—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5-6 p.m.

earth's orbit around the sun."

The above are only fragmentary extracts of the comments in the foreign newspapers.

We might rest satisfied with such a wide appreciation of Japan's sacrifices paid in Manchuria and Mongolia in the cause of the peace of the Orient for such long years in the past. They have been sacrifices really worth paying. Yang himself might not have made such a statement, if only he had had a good understanding of this.—Y.T. in "Manchuria Daily News."

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Manager of the Harbour Board,  
arrived in Penang on a visit of in-  
spection.

Mr. F. Duxbury, of Messrs.  
Kennedy Burkill & Co., Singapore,  
returned from leave by the  
"Morea."

Admiral Yany Shu-chwang, Com-  
mander-in-Chief of the Nationalist  
naval forces, has left Shanghai for  
Nanking.

One thousand suits of cotton  
uniforms were sent to "Kashang"  
from Shanghai for the Nationalist  
troops there.

The quarantine restrictions im-  
posed against arrivals from  
Batavia on account of cholera have  
been removed.

Mr. K. Wakasugi, Secretary to  
the Japanese Foreign Office at  
Tokyo, has been making an official  
visit to Hong Kong.

Mr. T. H. Coombs, of the General  
Post Office, Penang, has gone on  
three months' leave, prior to retire-  
ment after 21 years' service.

Mr. E. H. Bulford, of Messrs.  
A. A. Anthony and Co., Penang, was  
among those who returned from  
Home leave by the "Morea."

Canon Archdall Hill, vicar and  
rural dean of Hove, Sussex, was  
married to Miss Marjory Cooper,  
who for 6 years acted as his secre-  
tary.

The Nationalist Government at  
Nanking has telegraphed to Gen-  
eral Chen Chien to take over the  
provincial administration in Huph  
as soon as possible.—"Kuo Wen."

A 17-year-old Chinese girl com-  
mitted suicide yesterday afternoon  
by jumping into the harbour from  
the Macao wharf. She sank im-  
mediately and her body has not yet  
been recovered.

The latest examination for ad-  
mission to the London Police Force  
requires the candidate, among  
many other things, to write an  
account of a steamship route from  
London to Hong Kong.

At the Kowloon Magistracy  
yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield im-  
posed a fine of \$5 of seven days'  
jail on a Chinese who travelled  
by train from Fanling to Kowloon  
on Wednesday, without purchasing  
a ticket.

A coolie was yesterday removed  
to the Government Civil Hospital  
suffering from a fractured leg  
caused by being knocked down by  
a public motor car in Des Vaux  
Road West, at the corner of West-  
ern Street.

Mr. Li Ping-shu, a noted mem-  
ber of the gentry in Shanghai, has  
died at Kungshan. Mr. Li has re-  
cently been the Chairman of the  
Chinese Municipal Councilors, and  
is a well-known social worker.—"Kuo Wen."

As the result of being assaulted  
by two unknown men who sub-  
sequently escaped, a Chinese was  
yesterday afternoon removed to the  
Government Civil Hospital suffer-  
ing from injuries which necessi-  
tated medical attention.

Though the date for the Coronation  
Ceremony was at first fixed as  
November 8, 1928, the date of the  
Coronation has been changed to  
November 10, in view of the fact  
that the Meiji Festival (the Emperor  
Meiji Festival) falls on November  
3, states a "Toho" report from  
Tokyo.

Yesterday afternoon a Chinese  
woman suffered injuries to her  
head when she was knocked down  
at the junction of Des Vaux Road  
West and Centre Street by a motor  
cyclo which was being ridden by  
Mr. E. Tuck, of the Fire Brigade.  
She was removed to the Govern-  
ment Civil Hospital.

As already reported, a Chinese  
boatman was arrested on board  
the s.s. "Chenocaux" for the un-  
lawful possession of one revolver,  
two automatics, three magazines  
and five ammunition clips. He  
was charged before Mr. W.  
Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-  
tracy yesterday, when after it  
was stated that the accused was  
arrested as he was leaving the  
ship on Wednesday, a week's re-  
mand was given for the case to be  
heard by two Magistrates.

A French historical mystery 112  
years old has now been solved. A  
silver model of a French man-of-  
war, the Ville de Paris, disappeared  
from Napoleon's Court after Water-  
loo. It was recently bought by  
a collector of curios, having  
been found at Bristol, and was ex-  
hibited with other models at the  
Ackermann Galleries, London. A  
French visitor who saw it there in-  
formed the authorities in France,  
who desire the model for the  
Louvre. The model graced the  
Court of Marie Antoinette, but dis-  
appeared during the revolution. Later  
it was discovered, and presented  
by the citizens of Paris to Na-  
poleon when he was First Consul.  
Refugees from the French Court  
secretly brought it to Eng-  
land, and eventually sold it.

Lord Bearsted is one of the two  
new wardens of the Spectacle  
Makers' Company.

Mrs. C. C. Newson returned to  
Shanghai on December 12, after a  
prolonged tour of Europe and Eng-  
land.

The Lester Chinese Hospital  
gratefully acknowledges receipt of  
\$2,000 from the Shanghai Race  
Club.

General G. A. L. Dumont, mili-  
tary attaché at the French Embassy  
at Washington is a passenger on  
the "President Taft" making a tour  
of the world.

The Queen of Norway on Novem-  
ber 15 visited Mr. W. W. Reville-  
Terry, at 50, Grosvenor Street, to  
view his Chinese collection of  
objets d'art.

Mr. T. B. Belsloe, Far Eastern  
Manager for Dodge Brothers, re-  
turned to Shanghai on the "Presi-  
dent Pierce" from a business trip  
in Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Humphrey  
returning from the United States  
on the "President Taft." Mr. Hum-  
phrey is connected with the  
Standard Oil Company.

Mr. J. Gordon Carrie, Deputy  
Controller of Rubber, Singapore,  
arrived back from Home leave by  
the "Morea," with his wife, to  
whom he was married on June 15  
at Bolton.



A new snapshot of Col. The-  
odore Roosevelt, of New York.

An attractive programme has  
been arranged by the Craigower  
Cricket Club for the Christmas  
holidays. On December 26th (Box-  
ing Day) a cricket match will be  
played between "Married" and  
"Single." At the close of the game  
the presentation of prizes won in  
the various Club tournaments dur-  
ing the season will take place.  
This will be followed by a Tea  
Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. This is  
a popular social event at which  
members and their friends derive  
much enjoyment every year.  
Saturday night, December 31, is  
reserved for the President's Dance.

The Government Town Planner,  
Mr. Charles C. Reade, left Singa-  
pore for North Borneo for the pur-  
pose of advising the Government in  
respect to proposed schemes of im-  
provement for Jesselton and  
Sandakan. He will be the guest of  
His Excellency the Governor, Mr.  
J. L. Humphreys, O.B.E. Subse-  
quently he is proceeding on an  
official visit to Manila for the pur-  
pose of making a report to the F.M.S.  
Government in relation to a pro-  
spective town planning scheme for  
the laying out and development of  
Cameron's Highlands.

The Wing On Co., Ltd., were de-  
fendants in a case which was  
brought to the notice of Mr. I. T.  
Morris, Magistrate, in H. M. Police  
Court, Shanghai, a charge having  
been preferred against them by the  
Shanghai Municipal Police of un-  
lawfully exposing for sale certain  
obscene pictures on November 12  
last. Mr. Harris stated that de-  
fendants admitted the offence and  
expressed their regret. His Wor-  
ship stated, "In the circumstances,  
I shall enter a conviction and bind  
the firm over for a period of six  
months, with this warning, that, if  
the offence is repeated, I shall im-  
pose a very heavy fine next time."

Mr. F. V. Kirby, a Zululand  
game warden, experienced a  
thrilling escape when he was  
charged by a buffalo. Mr. Kirby  
was trekking to a distant part of  
the game reserve, where he hoped  
to photograph a white rhinoceros,  
when he was suddenly attacked by  
the buffalo, which rushed at him  
from the dense bush. His gun was  
unloaded, and he was thrown  
twenty feet to one side by the  
animal's charge. The buffalo turned  
to attack him again, when it  
noticed his camera, which was  
lying on the ground some distance  
away. It attacked the camera,  
stamped it out of recognition, and  
then swerved off into the bush and  
disappeared. Mr. Kirby, who was  
badly injured, managed to make his  
way to the nearest settlement.

Mr. Chen Lu, Chinese Minister  
in Paris, has been appointed Chi-  
nese delegate to the League of  
Nations.

The Polish Committee acknow-  
ledges with thanks the generous  
donation of \$1,000 from the  
Stewards of the Shanghai Race  
Club.

Mr. C. E. Wurtzburg, of  
Mansfield and Co., Singapore, and  
Mrs. Wurtzburg returned to Singa-  
pore by the "Antenor" after a holi-  
day at Home.

Mr. J. S. Potter, of the Asia  
Realty Company, together with  
Mrs. Potter and family, have re-  
turned to Shanghai after a vacation  
spent in California.

Mr. and Mrs. G. de la T. B.  
Fitzgerald have arrived in Bangkok.  
Mr. Fitzgerald relieves Mr. J. Dunn,  
of the Hong Kong Bank, who goes  
on Home leave in January.

The Labour and Agriculture  
Department of the Shanghai Kuom-  
intang is reported to have issued  
a manifesto asking workers not  
to strike as such action encourages  
Communist agitators in Shanghai.

Gen. Chang Ting-fan, who re-  
cently resigned from the Mayorship  
of Greater Shanghai, has been ap-  
pointed commander of the 2nd  
Division of the 13th Nationalist  
Army. It is reported that he will  
accept the appointment.

The engagement is announced  
between Mr. B. Markland Bell, of  
Perak, son of late Mr. B. E. Bell  
and Mrs. Bell, of Guernsey, and  
Eileen, elder daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Geo. W. Ingleby, of Rowley,  
East York.

Lady Clementi, having been in-  
disposed, is obliged to cancel all  
engagements for the present. She  
had been advised a complete rest  
until after the New Year. The  
dance at Government House to-  
night will not be cancelled.

The Bank of Japan held a meet-  
ing of the Special Accommodation  
Investigation Committee, and de-  
cided to advance Yen 80,000-  
000 to the Fifteenth Bank. The  
Fifteenth Bank will be able to  
resume business before long.

London, December 22.—The first  
meeting for the discussion of the  
industrial reorganisation and in-  
dustrial relations, arranged be-  
tween group of employers led by  
Sir Alfred Mond and the Trades  
Union Congress' general council, is  
expected to take place at the end  
of January or early in February.

A cablegram has been received  
stating that the Rev. William V.  
Kelley, D.D., Editor for many years  
of the "Methodist Review," passed  
away in South Orange, N. J. on  
December 14. The news of Dr.  
Kelley's passing will be received by  
his many friends in the Mission  
field with deep grief as a loss of a  
real friend and father in the  
Christian faith, states the "N. C.  
D. N."

Mr. W. Schofield yesterday gave  
another remand in the case in  
which a coolie employed by the  
Telephone Company is charged be-  
fore him at the Kowloon Magis-  
tracy with the theft of two coils  
of telephone wire from the Penin-  
sula Hotel, recently evacuated by  
the Military who had been billet-  
ing there. The police reported  
that the man who the accused  
wished to call as a witness could  
not be found.

Sentence of death was passed  
upon a Chinese at the Provisional  
Court when he came up for judg-  
ment in connection with a charge  
of armed robbery committed in com-  
pany with seven other members of  
a gang at 11 p.m. on September 11,  
at 279 South Chengtu Road. Prop-  
erty to the value of \$800 was  
stolen. The accused was also  
charged with contempt of court in  
that he returned from a sentence of  
expulsion imposed upon him by the  
old Mixed Court.

An unusual and interesting  
feature of the Dairy Farm's  
Christmas display this year is the  
show of their own farm fed veal  
and pork slaughtered and dressed  
in the approved London style by  
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butchery staff. The carcasses of  
veal are especially tempting, the  
brightly hued hides forming a very  
effective display. The display is  
right up to Home custom and  
judging by the number of turkeys,  
etc., on view Hong Kong is going  
to do itself well this Christmas.

Suffolk, Virginia, invented a new  
championship, which should prove  
popular everywhere, when Mrs. L.  
C. Latimer was judged by a com-  
mittee of four seasoned married  
men to be the champion "husband  
caller" of the world. The wives  
were asked to call their husbands  
on a number of occasions which  
might arise in everyday home life.  
The men were alternately smoking,  
reading, or asleep at the far end  
of a long room. Mrs. Latimer won  
because she was stated to have put  
the necessary amount of "en-  
dearment, pathos, and urgency"  
into her voice to arouse any hus-  
band from his usual state of com-  
placency. The second place was awarded to a  
woman who was the only one of  
the 15 entrants who spoke threaten-  
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Special photographs appear in this week's issue of the  
"Overland China Mail" depicting the stirring and bloody events  
that took place in Canton recently, when Communists sacked  
the city, driving from it what few Ironside troops there were  
there.

Canton has not yet recovered from the blow, despite the  
fact that the city is again in the hands of the Government  
troops. Efforts are being made to secure the return of General  
Li Chai-sum, the business community being anxious to  
experience something like settled conditions before Chinese  
New Year. At present little commercial or industrial activity  
is apparent. Full reports of events in Canton appear in the  
"Overland."

Local news—social, commercial and sporting—receives  
comprehensive treatment in the "Overland," there being a  
particularly interesting crop of Criminal Sessions' cases,  
together with an account of the hanging of the pirates who were  
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## ENGLAND v. CHINA.

## INTERNATIONALS FOR THE "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

[By "The Rover."]

The League Programme for Saturday is limited owing to the Interport Trial v. The Navy on the Club Ground which should be worth seeing. The matches for Saturday are as follows:—

Interport XI v. Royal Navy, kick off 3.45 p.m.  
 Hong Kong League Division I, kick off 4.00 p.m.  
 Queen's Regt. v. South China, Chatham Road, Kowloon.  
 Hong Kong League Division A, Junior.  
 South China v. Hong Kong Club Res., Sookumpoo.  
 Kowloon Res. v. Chinese Athletic, Kowloon A.F.C.  
 Hong Kong League Division B, Junior.  
 Boy Scouts v. South China, South China Ground, Valley.  
 Kung Woo v. Chinese Athletic, Yaumati.  
 Friendly Match, kick off 4.00 p.m.  
 Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Hawkins," Kowloon A.F.C.

Although the League programme is curtailed, we have two great matches arranged for the Holidays on Monday and Tuesday which are as follows:

"Sunday Herald" Charity Cup, Monday, Dec. 26.  
 Scotland v. Portugal, Club Ground, Valley, kick off 3.45.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 27.  
 England v. China, Club Ground, Valley, kick off 3.45.

Chief interest on Saturday will centre in the match on the Club Ground when the Interport team meets the Royal Navy and if the latter side can hold the Interport forward line at full strength they will be a good team. If the Interport team play, as selected, I don't think any team the Navy can select at present will get within three goals of our probable representatives, but that has to be proved and if the Naval side can extend the selected side they will do good service.

At Kowloon we are favoured with the only Senior League match, and on recent form the Queens' are not likely to repeat their smashing victory at the Valley when they won by 10 goals to nil. South China are a team to be respected on their day by the best in the Colony and this should be a good game.

Both the Senior Civilian Clubs of the Colony are fielding strong Reserve Teams and the Club Reserves v. South China, also Kowloon v. Chinese Athletic should be games well above the average of junior matches and well worth seeing.

Kowloon are staging a friendly with H.M.S. "Hawkins" and although several of the ships' team will not doubt be assisting the Naval XI at the Valley, this should provide a good match for Kowloon spectators.

The chief interest in the Holiday programme, however, is reserved for Monday and Tuesday, when Scotland's selected will meet Portugal's selected, and England's selected will also meet China. These games will be especially keen and interesting, as the issue at stake is the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup, and on both days there are sure to be great crowds. The matches are in the nature of international contests, and as such create great interest. The chosen of Scotland present a formidable team and the eleven consist of K.O.S.B. Regt. (5), Scots Guards (3) and Club (3) and should render a good account of themselves, whereas Portugal will be represented by practically a Club de Recreio side, as all the Portuguese players of the Colony aspire to a position in the King's Park Team. It is hoped that Gosano, Brown, Remedios and the remaining "injuries" of the Recreio team will be fit and on view as then we shall have a fine game and a very open one.

The great game, however, should be on Tuesday when England oppose China, and China will be practically if not entirely China Athletic. This should be a great game, and I like the look of the English side, particularly forward. If this English side disappoints on Tuesday we shall perhaps have to raise our hats to the Athletic, because, with Northey, Vernon, and Leach inside forwards, there is no Club team can put a side like this in the field, whilst on either side of these admittedly good forwards there is a good winger in Larking and Herdridge.



Amos Alonso Stagg, football coach of the University of Chicago. Stagg is one of the famous coaches of America.

Tuesday will be regarded as a real test of strength all round. Earlier in the season I predicted that the Chinese Athletic will only be beaten by a team of eleven good players strong in every position, and it is hoped the English side will take the field in good form, despite the festive season, all out for real hard afternoon's work. Their opponents will leave nothing to chance, but if the English side play up to their Club form and reputation, they should be on the right side at the finish. Their only weakness should be in combination, in which their opponents excel, but this the English side should counteract by experience. Hong Kong charities should greatly benefit by this fine series of matches.

## KOWLOON F.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The following have been selected to play in a friendly game with a team from H.M.S. "Hawkins" to-morrow (Saturday), at the Kowloon ground. Kick off at 4 p.m.  
 Kowloon F.C.: Angus, Wheeler, Dodgson; Guest, Duncan, Hedley; Pile, May, Vickers, Tiersan, Miles.

## KOWLOON 2ND XI v. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI in their League match v. the Chinese Athletic on Saturday at the Kowloon ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.—Slipper; Bliss, Pasco; Blacklock, Skinner, Dunnett; Coates, Clark, Spary, Muir, Eastman. Reserves: Roberts and Nicholls.

## SQUASH RACKETS.

## LIEUT. SANDERSON RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
 Lieutenant Sanderson retained the Royal Navy and Royal Marines squash rackets championship to-day when he beat Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Mackenzie in the final. —British Wireless Service.

## CRICKET.

## M.C.C. TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

## ANOTHER MATCH DRAWN.

Benoni, Yesterday.  
 A two-days match here was drawn.  
 The South African eleven scored 86. Hammond took 6 wickets for 32.  
 The M.C.C. replied with 323, of which Holmes made 128 and Hammond 61.  
 In their second innings the South African team scored 305 for nine wickets. Trotter scored 76.—Reuter.

## "CAMBRIDGE" DEFEATS DARK BLUES.

## WALLINGTON SHINES.

In the annual Inter-Varsity cricket match, played yesterday on the Club ground, "Cambridge" beat "Oxford" by 99 runs. H. G. Wallington made an excellent 81, Dale was undefeated for 56, Hugh Jones scored 40 and both Sayer and Hawkins made 39.

## Details:—

"Cambridge."  
 H. G. Wallington (Downing), c Sayer, b Venn ..... 81  
 S. C. Wu (St. Catherine's), b Sayer ..... 13  
 Capt. J. Drysdale (Jesus), c and b Venn ..... 19  
 F. O. Dale (Christ), not out ..... 56  
 E. W. Hamilton (Sidney Sussex), c Forster, b Venn ..... 1  
 T. D. E. Pendered (Calus), c Forster, b Sayer ..... 17  
 G. S. Hugh Jones (Selwyn), st. Usher, b Sayer ..... 40  
 Extras b, 6; lb, 1; w, 1; n.b., 5 ..... 13

Total (for 6 wks., innings declared closed) ..... 245  
 J. Burrow (Calus), F. Syme Thomson (Clare), R. E. Lindsell (King's), and Y. S. Wan (King's) did not bat.  
 Fall of wickets:—1-65; 2-129; 3-139; 4-140; 5-160; 6-245.

## Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
*Hollis	3	0	19	0
Sayer	14	0	108	2
Forster	6	0	27	0
Hawkins	3	1	12	0
Wood	2	0	18	0
Venn	8	1	48	3

\*—Bowled 5 no balls.  
 †—Bowled 1 wide.

## "Oxford."

G. R. Sayer (Queen's), b Drysdale ..... 39  
 R. T. Venn (Lincoln), c Dale b Hamilton ..... 10  
 H. L. Graham (Magdalen), b Dale ..... 3  
 A. E. Wood (Univ.), b Drysdale ..... 13  
 F. S. C. Usher (Ch. Ch.), c Dale, b Hamilton ..... 13  
 B. C. K. Hawkins (Hertford), b Wallington ..... 39  
 R. H. Hollis, (Worcester), c Lindsell, b Wallington ..... 11  
 B. R. Forster (Univ.), not out ..... 1  
 W. T. Featherstone (Wadham), c Wallington, b Dale ..... 4  
 N. Evans (Queen's), st Lindsell, b Dale ..... 0  
 E. I. Wynne Jones (Jesus), lb.w., b Dale ..... 0  
 Extras: b, 8 ..... 8

Total ..... 146  
 Fall of wickets:—1-36; 2-50; 3-66; 4-75; 5-101; 6-119; 7-184; 8-185; 9-139; 10-146.

## Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pendered	5	0	27	0
Hamilton	10	0	46	2
Dale	7.1	0	27	4
*Drysdale	8	1	19	2
Wallington	4	1	19	2

\*—Bowled 1 wide.  
 Umpires:—A. R. Phillips (Queen's Oxford); F. H. T. Trayes (Calus, Cambridge).  
 Scorer:—H. C. Lee, (B.N.C. Oxford).

## K.C.C. and H.M.S. "ARGUS" DRAW.

The Kowloon Cricket Club drew with H.M.S. "Argus" yesterday, the naval men making 205 runs for four wickets and declaring. The Club scored 164 for six. Sergt. Lugg scored 89 not out, and Lt. Cecil 65 for the "Argus," whilst Pay-Lt. Cdr. Shaw was top scorer for the Club with 74. Lylal made 37.

## Details:—

H.M.S. "Argus."  
 Lt.-Cdr. J. F. W. Hawkins, b Murray ..... 9  
 Sergt. Lugg, not out ..... 89  
 Lt. R. Cecil, at Bevis, b Murray ..... 65  
 Lt. L. B. A. Majendie, c Lylal, b Murray ..... 5  
 Rev. E. S. Wyatt, run out ..... 0  
 L.A.C. J. W. H. Tansley, not out ..... 26  
 Extras ..... 11  
 Total (for 4 wks., dec.) 205  
 Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Moore, Sergt.-Cdr. H. M. Langdale, Lt.-Cdr. A. T. Thomson, Tel. E. G. Wood and Lt. F. O. F. Price did not bat.

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## DOG RACING.

## CABINET AND THE BETTING EVIL.

## SLUMP IN SHARES.

## Rugby, Yesterday.

An undertaking that the Cabinet would consider the whole question of greyhound racing was given last night by Sir William Joynton Hicks, who received a deputation on this subject, representing three political parties and introduced by Mr. John Thomas, Labourite. The deputation laid before the Home Secretary the anxiety felt regarding the growth of betting, particularly among youths which took place on dog races. Mr. Joynton Hicks said he shared the deputation's anxiety concerning the effects of the enormous extension of the new sport, but the Government had to be fully satisfied as to its evil results before interfering.

Regarding juvenile betting he had, however, directed an investigation as to the Home Secretary's powers to deal with it. If legislation was necessary he would have an opportunity to protect minors next year in a new bill relating to children.

On the broad question, the whole matter would have to be considered by the Government in the moral and material interests of the community generally. He gave a warning hint to those investing money in the new undertakings to promote greyhound racing in various parts of the country, that its development had been so sudden and so extensive that any government must give serious attention to it. He promised a fuller statement of government policy when the House of Commons, re-assembled in February.—British Wireless Service.

## Shares Affected.

Rugby, Later.  
 The shares of greyhound race-course companies slumped heavily on the Stock Exchange as a result of the statement made by the Home Secretary that restrictive legislation might be considered by the Government.—British Wireless Service.

## HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

## Teams For The Christmas Holidays.

The following will play in the Married v. Single Match on Saturday, at 2 p.m.  
 Married:—R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, D. W. Leach, H. Griffith, J. Norrie Owen, C. P. James, A. N. Evers, F. Syme Thompson, A. H. Gillingham, and J. E. Hancock.  
 Single:—J. R. Hinton, J. A. Summers, E. R. West, C. D. Wales, G. P. Lammert, G. H. Armstrong, Alan Reid, R. Forster and A. N. Other.

## HONG KONG C.C. v. THE ARMY.

The following have been selected to play against the Army on Monday and Tuesday, at 11 a.m.:—R. Hancock (captain), A. W. Hayward, T. E. Pearce, D. W. Leach, C. P. James, C. D. Wales, H. V. Parker, G. R. Sayer, E. D. Evans, J. A. Summers and E. W. Hamilton.

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 On demand ..... 49%  
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 On demand ..... 61  
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 Wire ..... 184  
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 On Calcutta—  
 Wire ..... 134  
 On demand ..... 134  
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 On demand ..... 86%  
 On Manila—  
 On demand ..... 99%  
 On Shanghai—  
 On demand ..... 78%  
 30 day's sight (private paper) .....  
 On Yokohama—  
 On demand ..... 106  
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 Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... 9.55  
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 Rate of Native Interest ..... 7% dis.  
 Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 23% dis.  
 Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.  
 Paris ..... 124  
 New York ..... 4.88 11/32  
 Brussels ..... 34.91  
 Geneva ..... 25.25  
 Amsterdam ..... 12.07 1/2  
 Milan ..... 20.42  
 Stockholm ..... 18.07  
 Copenhagen ..... 18.20  
 Oslo ..... 18.34  
 Vienna ..... 34.56 1/2  
 Prague ..... 16.84  
 Helsinki ..... 19.34  
 Madrid ..... 23.17 1/2  
 Lisbon ..... 2 7/16  
 Athens ..... 385 1/2  
 Bucharest ..... 790  
 Rio ..... 5 29/32  
 Buenos Aires ..... 47%  
 Bombay ..... 1/6 3/32  
 Shanghai ..... 2/7  
 Hong Kong ..... 2/0  
 Yokohama ..... 1/10 13/16  
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 Union Insurance ..... 304 b  
 North China Insurance ..... 7148 n  
 Yangtze Insurance ..... M.346 1/2 b  
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 Benguet ..... 2 1/4 n  
 Kailan Mining Ad. .... 60/- n  
 Langkate (Combined) ..... 7 1/2 b  
 do. (Single) ..... 7 1/2 b  
 Shanghai Explorations ..... T2 1/2 b 2.90 n  
 Shanghai Loans ..... T9.05 b  
 Raich ..... 3 1/2 n  
 Tronoh Mines ..... 17/6 n  
 Docks, Wharves, &c.  
 Godowns, &c.  
 H.K. & K. Wharves ..... 123 n  
 H.K. & W. Docks ..... 32 1/2 b 38 n  
 China Provident ..... 34.40 n  
 Hongkong ..... 158 n  
 New Engineering ..... 158 n  
 Shanghai Docks ..... 390 n  
 Cotton Mills  
 Ewo Cottons ..... 7.05 n  
 Oriental Cottons ..... 1 1/2 n  
 S'hai Cottons (Old) ..... T494 n  
 do. (New) ..... T22 1/2 n  
 Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.  
 H.K. & S. Hotels ..... 37.15 b  
 Hongkong Lands ..... 381 1/2 b  
 Shanghai Lands ..... 312 n  
 Hampshire & Ex. Hongkong Realities ..... 12.50 n  
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 Prince's Buildings  
 Public Utilities  
 H.K. Tramways ..... 32 1/4 n  
 Peak Tram (old) ..... 14 n  
 do. (new) ..... 37 n  
 Star Ferries ..... 358 b  
 China Lights (comb.) ..... 12.90 b Ex. Div.  
 do. (old) ..... 39.45 b Ex. Div.  
 do. (new) ..... 36 1/2 b Ex. Div.  
 H.K. Electric ..... 37 1/2 b 58 1/2 n  
 Macao Electric ..... 2 1/2 b  
 H.K. Telephones ..... 33.90 n  
 China Buses ..... T9 1/2 n  
 Singapore Tractors ..... 11/9 b  
 Industrials  
 China Sugars ..... 38 b  
 Malayan Sugars ..... 330 n  
 Canton Tea ..... 324 n  
 Cements (comb.) ..... 36.60 b  
 do. (old) ..... 36.60/6.70 n  
 do. (new) ..... 37.70 b 1 s  
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 H.K. Amusement ..... 37 1/2 n  
 H.K. Construction ..... 37 1/2 n  
 B. Ind. G. Bonds ..... 37 1/2 n  
 H.K. Govt. Loans ..... 37 1/2 n

## QUEEN'S



## CHRISTMAS DAY.

## BILLIARDS AT SEA.

A novel Games Record is claimed by the Blue Star liner "Avelona" believed to be the first time on record, games of billiards formed part of the regular recreation of westward-bound passengers.  
 Billiards has, for obvious reasons, always been regarded as a game which it was impossible to play on board ship. For many years the leading firms of billiards-table manufacturers have been experimenting with tables which adjusted themselves to the incline of the ship was inclined. Such devices have, however, always proved too elaborate and costly to be adopted by the shipping companies, and billiards tables have never been installed on ships, except on a few battleships—for use in harbour.  
 The games on board the "Avelona" were played on a portable table taken on board by a passenger, and were made possible by the exceptional smoothness of the sea and the absence of vibration on the ship.  
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### MUSIC FROM AIR.

#### HANDS THAT PLAY WITHOUT AN INSTRUMENT.

In the Beethoven Hall in Berlin, a florid and hideous place where Johannes Brahms and Anton Rubinstein have played, I have listened to the strangest concert of all time (writes Philip Page, in the "Evening Standard").

Miraculous is an overworked adjective these days, but to music that comes from no instrument and no voice, that is neither heard over the wireless nor the result of a gramophone record it is surely applicable.

The quality of the music matters little, and those who produced it were careful to explain that they were primarily scientists, and not musicians. There was no showmanship, and no deliberately cultivated atmosphere of mystery. Prospero's Isle was far distant, but not, it seemed, his magic, and one did in truth ask, "Where should this music be, if the air or the earth?"

A Professor from Leningrad.

The music was produced by a man in a dinner jacket—Professor Theremin, a Russian, from the Physikalisch-Technischen Institute, Leningrad. His knowledge of German was peculiar, but not extensive, and a long "vorspiel" was delivered by a German friend. This was an explanation of the technical basis of this "atherwellen-musik," and I will refer to it later.

What Professor Theremin did was, in short, to make music with his hands, with hands that touched nothing that mortal eye could see. He plucked, not at a harp, but at the air. With his right hand shaking a non-existent "plectrum," and his left moving slowly up and down in space to regulate the changes from "piano" to "forte," he "played" simple melodies—"Connais tu le pays?" from "Mignon," Saint-Saens' "Le Cygne," Schubert's "Ave Maria"—with a tone like that of a violin, though rather more rounded and homelike.

Between each piece he explained haltingly, that the rendering might not have been technically perfect, but that it came from the air, and from nowhere else. He was obviously sincere and truthful; but had he been the reverse, the array of eminent German scientists and professors would have discovered any charlatanism by the sheer force of dome-like foreheads and intent expressions of Teutonic intellectuality to the nth degree.

Einstein Present.

Einstein was there, giving the right German word when the lecturer faltered, and applauding—a sad-faced man in a dark grey suit. Gerhart Hauptmann, robust and rubicund, nodded approval. Among the many musicians were Leo Slezak, the Wagnerian tenor, and Bruno Walter, the conductor. "Where the professor is leading us to," Walter said to me after the demonstration, "I can hardly think until I have viewed the whole position, calmly and alone. Music without instruments! A voice that is no voice! The thing is in its infancy, of course—but a formidable infant."

To the student of Hertzian waves this "air music" is, possibly, not quite so formidable a problem. Professor Theremin generates these waves in a small wooden box, from which projects a brass rod about a foot long. He touches neither the box nor the rod. The waves are there and by agitating them a high note or a low note is produced. To produce these notes and even a definite tune is not at all difficult.

My knowledge of science simply does not exist, but I found it easy to follow the professor's example, and, with no discourteous intention, I shook out "Home, sweet home" from the air—a most uncanny experience.

The Limitations.

At present the limitations of this mystery music are:

(1) That only a violin tone is produced (though a scarcely successful attempt was made to extract a human contralto voice);

(2) That only a single note can be evolved by the individual, and notes in combination—i.e., harmony—are not at present possible. Several individuals, however, could remedy this deficiency by "playing" simultaneously.

Its astounding novelty consists in the fact that for the first time in history music (other than vocal music) is divorcing itself from mechanical means. The air, not an instrument, is played upon. Moreover, anyone without any technical knowledge is able by this means to produce music comparable in its beauty of tone to that which the skilled player of an instrument may take years to attain, and this not by switching on the wireless, putting on a gramophone record, or sitting down at a piano. It is indeed a revolution.

### SCREENINGS.

Notorious persons and undesirable stories are kept out of the movies by means of co-operative arrangement between the individual producer and the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, according to Will Hays.

Asked how it happened that several notorious characters had failed to appear in the movies after announcing "fabulous" offers from the producers, Hays said: "The Motion Picture Producers and Distributors do not censor stories, nor bar anybody from pictures."

"If any producer of our group is offered the picture rights to a book or play about which he has any doubt—I mean as to its propriety for general showing—he notifies this office. If the association agrees with the producer it would be unwise to picture the subject, the producer refrains from doing so."

"In this way not only are certain subjects failing to reach the public through the screen, but it is possible that literature itself may be raised in moral tone because authors want their works to be pictured."

San Francisco will furnish the background for Mary Pickford's new picture, "My Best Girl." The story was written by Kathleen Norris after a suggestion by Miss Pickford, and the heroine is a girl clerk in a 5 and 10 cent store.



There is a chance that Miss Pickford will choose a girl from each of the 5 and 10 cent stores in the city to appear in "My Best Girl," providing that suitable types can be found and that the stores co-operate in the plan.

A big feature these days is apt to be followed by a comedy burlesque film on the same order. "The Half Back of Notre Dame," patterned after "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," and "Bull and Sand," modelled on Ibanez' famous "Blood and Sand," are cases in point.

An epidemic of strange licence plates broke loose in Los Angeles recently and the police stopped 200 automobiles with plates which came from no known part of the world. The cars were lined along the curb for almost a half hour, before police officials could check up the story told by the man in charge of the strangely licensed caravan. Inquiry revealed that the cars were used by F. W. Murnau while making "Sunrise" for Fox. In the picture there is a city which represents a big town, but is purposely not identified as belonging to any particular country. The autos naturally had plates which were just as cosmopolitan. The man in charge had forgotten to remove these when he entered Los Angeles. The chief of police finally found "Old Man Absent Minded" guilty of the violation and cleared up the situation by placing an officer on the leading car to take the procession through the city.

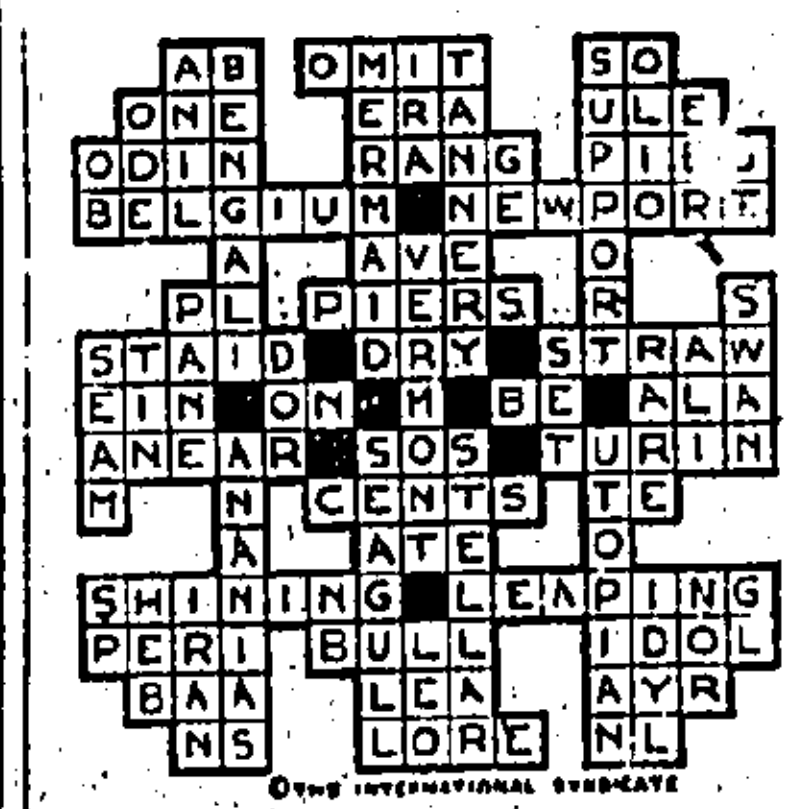
Dorothy Revier, talented and beauty star of the Master Pictures "Stolen Pleasures," is one of the most admired of screen women. Previous to being chosen for a screen career Miss Revier studied the art of, and appeared in Russian ballet dancing. During the past season Alexander Neville, celebrated American portrait painter, was commissioned to choose 25 of the most beautiful types among screen women to decorate the Salon d'Art at the Sesquicentennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Miss Revier's colourful type was the first to win favour with the artist, and so it was that the black-haired, grey-eyed screen star and daughter of California was chosen, not alone as a member of a group of beautiful women to decorate the hall of screen beauty, but also to represent her State as California's typical beauty for the year of 1926. This is the fourth time that she has been the winning choice in beauty contests.

Ben Turpin recently burlesqued the whole school of Graustarkian toy kingdom romances in a slapstick comedy. William Frayne, recently returned to the Universal banner as an actor of Reginald Denny's "I'll Be There," recalls what he claims was the first of the Joker series put out by Universal twelve years or more ago, shortly after an early "mammoth feature production" of Jules Verne's classic, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." It was a bathing girl comedy called "Twenty Thousand Legs Under the Sea."

Alma Rubens was born in San Francisco, California. When a child Alma had dreams of seeing her name in electric lights as a dramatic star. Her dolls invariably were named after leading actors and actresses. Miss Rubens' first screen appearance was with Douglas Fairbanks as leading lady in "The Half Breed." She is one of the few stars who has never had the fatiguing experience of "gate crashing" as an extra. All her knowledge of the technique of the screen has been learned in leading roles. The charming actress left California after her picture with Mr. Fairbanks and visited many parts of the world, including Canada, England, Germany, France and the Orient, to broaden her outlook and assist in the visualisation of her roles. Miss Rubens is interested in short story writing, and particularly in simplicity of style and the beauty of words which express unaffectedly the thought of the writer. Her first role this season is in the Fox production "Marriage Licence." She has just finished her role in "The Heart of Salome."

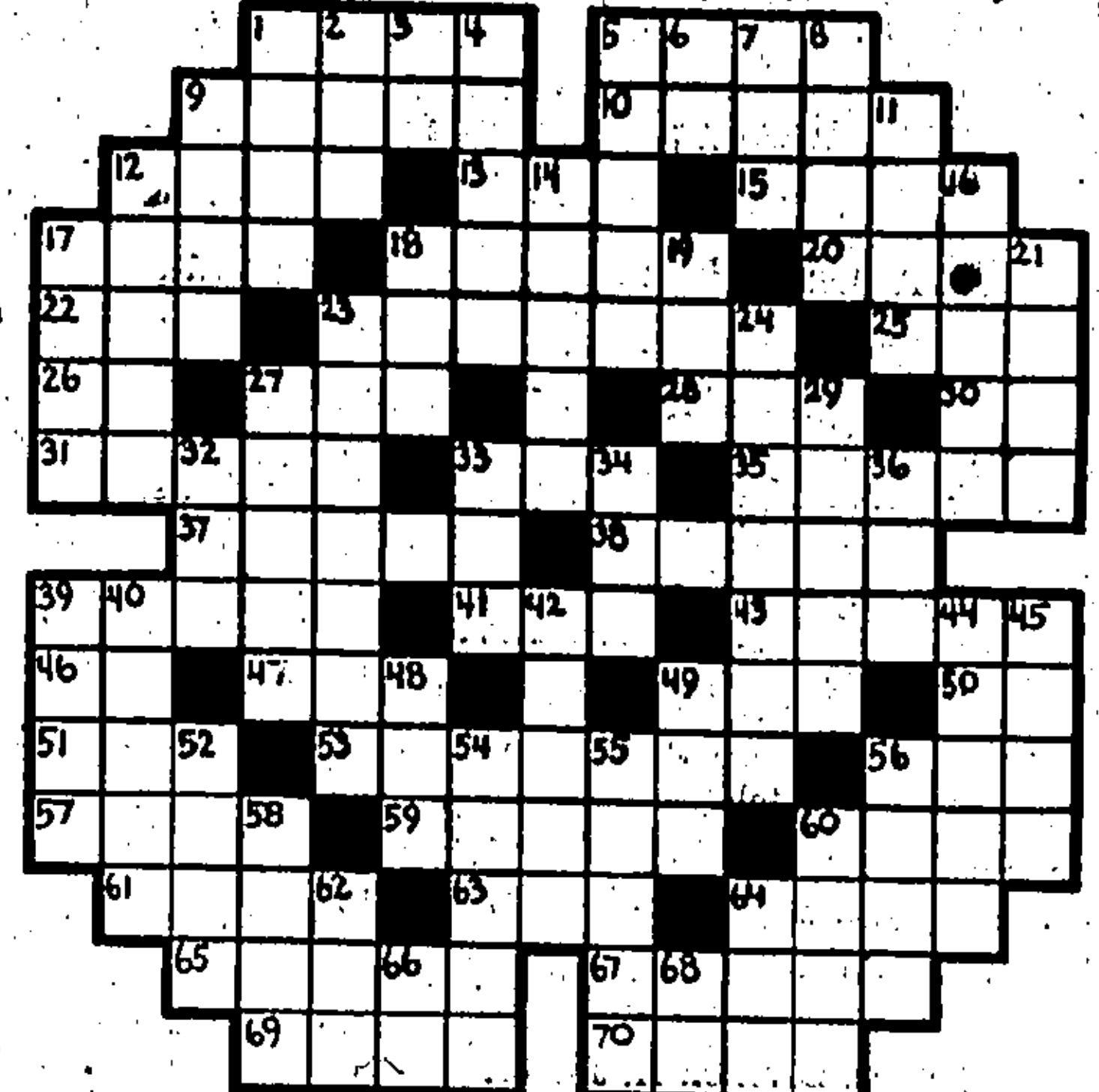
Tom Mix, Fox Western star, made certain that his wife would not find herself short of cash at Carlsbad, or when she takes a look at Westminster Abbey on her forthcoming trip abroad. At a little dinner party given by Mrs. Mix's mother, Tom presented his wife with a cheque for \$5,000 to cover expenses and another for spending money. The latter was for \$20,000, which should buy heaps of souvenirs. Mrs. Mix, who recently underwent a serious operation, left Los Angeles on May 12 for her trip abroad.

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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**HORIZONTAL**  
1-Religious ceremony  
2-To fall in drops  
3-Sleeping compartment  
10-To indulge freely  
12-Chair  
13-Consumed  
16-Affirmative (pl.)  
17-To sharpen  
18-Small web-footed animal (pl.)  
20-One's friends  
27-Fowl  
28-To place  
29-A grain  
35-N. Am. State (abbr.)  
37-Pleasure  
38-The head (humorous)  
39-Abbreviation for an island in U. S.  
41-Gobbling sound  
43-Pronoun  
45-Ability  
47-An island off the coast of England  
48-To pass slowly  
49-Part of an act  
51-A kind of sweet potato  
52-A small house or cabin  
56-A chemical suffix

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
47-Head  
48-Jewel  
50-Prefix. Back  
51-To hang down  
53-To astound  
56-Disagreeable  
57-Possessive pronoun (pl.)  
58-Not brilliant  
60-Obstructs  
61-A dunce  
63-A beverage  
64-Without hair  
65-Handed out  
67-Small rodent  
68-Heavy vehicle  
70-Girl's name

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
17-An old political party  
18-A marsh  
19-To see  
21-Successor  
28-Underground cell  
29-Fall  
27-To lose  
29-The breast  
32-To be indebted  
33-An eye infection  
34-A tree  
35-To marry  
39-Singly  
40-Accumulation of vapor in the air  
42-Plenty  
44-Protect  
45-Finishes  
48-The shell of a pea  
49-To ridicule  
52-To poke  
54-Foolish  
56-A South American animal  
58-A quantity of cotton  
59-Used on snow  
60-Bottom  
62-A product of coal  
64-A sweet roll  
66-Southern State (abbr.)  
68-Forward

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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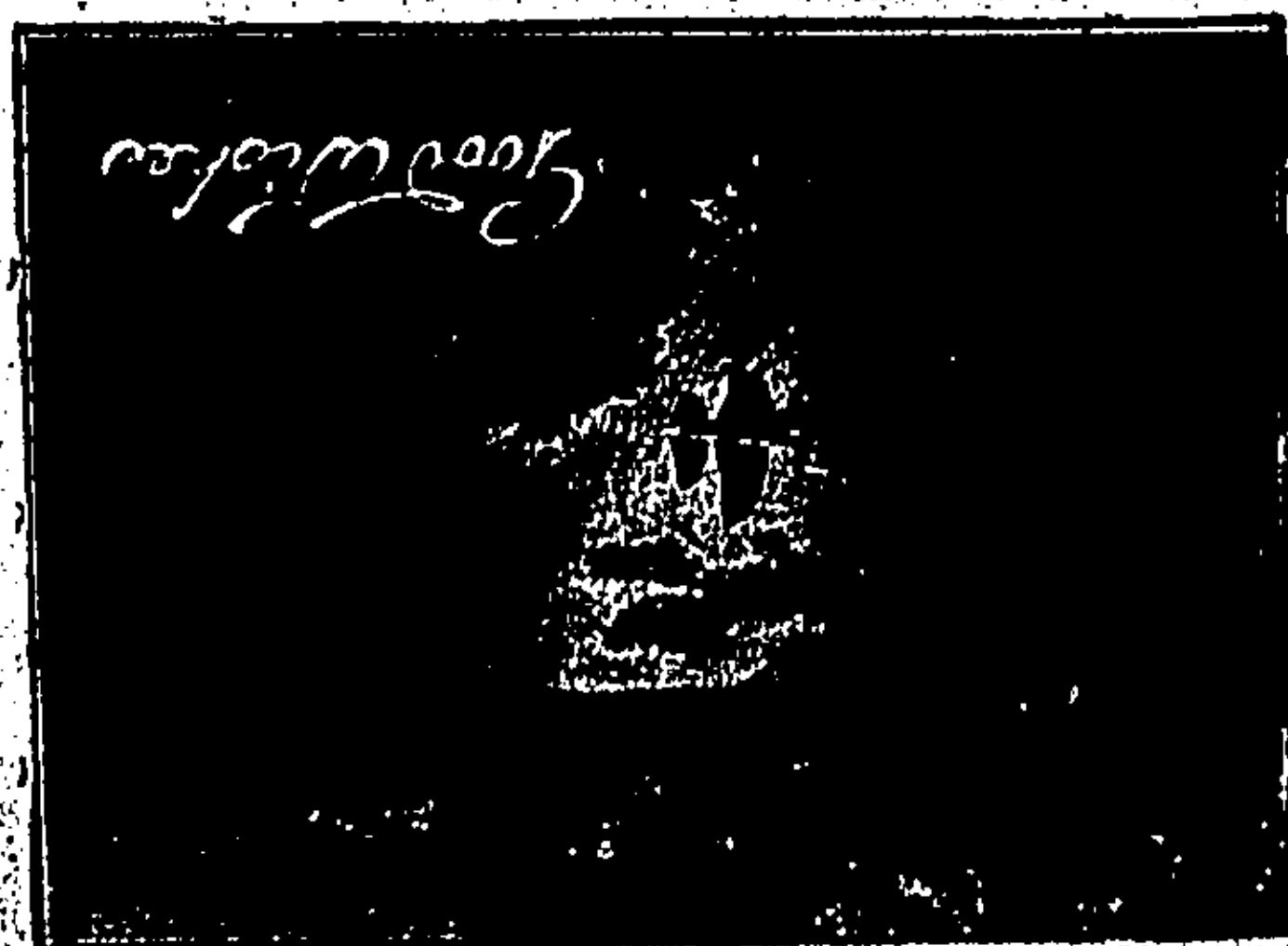
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### THE VOLUNTEERS.

#### STONECUTTERS' RANGE ALLOTMENT.

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The following orders have been issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

#### Musketry.

Sunday, January 8, 1928: Reserve Company and Casuals will fire Part II. Table T. at Stonecutters Range, full details will be published later.

#### Casuals.

A large number of all ranks have not yet fired Part II. List of names are posted on Corps Notice Boards. All such will make arrangements to fire by Sunday, January 29, 1928, the last day on which Part II. will be fired.

#### Peak Range.

Applications for use of the Peak Range for the first six months of 1928 should be submitted to the Adjutant immediately.

#### M.G. Competition.

Sergeant Spradbury's team of the Mobile Section of the Armoured Car Company won the M.G. trophy, to be held for one year with a total score of 45 points. The Commandant offers his congratulations on the fine drill and shooting of his team.

Scores of other teams are posted on Headquarters notice boards.

Results of Field Firing trophy will be worked out as soon as correct camp strengths are submitted by unit commanders.

#### Corps Signals.

Parade for Camp Pay at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, at Corps Headquarters.

#### Artillery Company.

No parade will be held at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, December 29, 1927.

#### Thursday, January 5, 1928.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 6.25 p.m. for Battery Drill.

#### Promotions.

The following promotions take effect from December 14, 1927:—

#### Artillery Company.

No. 565 A/Bdr. M. H. Wallace to be Bombardier.

#### No. 1 Platoon.

No. 1075 Pte. J. F. Wright to be Corporal.

#### Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

#### No. 333 Spr. K. S. Robertson.

Engineer Co., from January 1, 1928, to October 31, 1928.

#### No. 511 Pte. O. Eager.

Reserve Co., from January 1, 1928, to December 31, 1928.

#### Long Service Medal.

H.E. the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to No. 224 Lance-Sergeant J. C. Fletcher of the Scottish Company, H.K.V.D.C., on December 16, 1927.

#### Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony, as from December 1, 1927:—No. 668 Pte. T. Low, No. 7 Platoon.

Having completed three years' service, as from December 19, 1927: No. 603 Pte. W. Hill, Reserve Company.

#### NOTICE.

The Commandant wishes all ranks of the Corps a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

#### AFTER ORDER.

#### Musketry.

Stonecutters Range is allotted as follows:—

#### Sunday, January 8, 1928:—

Reserve Company and Casuals. Range Officer: Lt. A. M. Thornhill.

#### Sunday, January 15, 1928:—

Corps Signals, Portuguese Company and Casuals.

Range Officers: Lt. M. G. Noll and 2nd-Lt. S. Jarvis, M.C.

#### Sunday, January 22, 1928:—

Armoured Car Company, Infantry Company and Casuals.

Range Officer as detailed by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

#### Sunday, January 29, 1928:—

Scottish Company, Engineer Company and Casuals.

Range Officers: Capt. K. S. Morrison and 2nd-Lt. R. S. Logan.



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### FOUR NEW BILLS.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUSINESS.

#### MEETING NEXT FRIDAY.

Four new Bills were passed at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council after receiving second and third readings.

These were an Ordinance to regulate the printing of newspapers and the keeping and use of printing presses; an Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance, 1899; an Ordinance to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance, 1920; an Ordinance to amend the Railways Ordinance, 1909.

Those present were H.E. The Governor, H.E. The General Officer Commanding the Troops, the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Colonial Treasurer, the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kote-wall, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and the Clerk of Councils (Mr. D. W. Tristram).

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton asked whether the paper dealing with the development of the Aberdeen Valley catchment was the one for which the Council had been waiting, or whether there would be a further Sessional paper on the subject.

H.E. The Governor: There will be a further Sessional paper later on.

H.E. The Governor, at the conclusion of the routine business, said: We are now approaching the end of the year, and I think it would be convenient to have one more meeting of Council before the year closes. As the business will be mainly financial I think it would be best to have a meeting of the Finance Committee before the Council. I will propose, therefore, that the Council be adjourned until Friday, the 30th inst., at 2.30 p.m. This was agreed to.

### TRANS-JORDANIA.

#### TO BE MADE AN EMIRATE.

Berlin, Dec. 8.

The Government of Palestine has published a statement to the effect that Trans-Jordania will henceforth be designed as an Emirate. It is believed that this foreshadows the early conclusion of a treaty between Great Britain and Trans-Jordania. The British High Commissioner for Palestine is expected to be nominated High Commissioner for Trans-Jordania too.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 24		
Sandakan	Kashgar.	9.30 a.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi & Hapohong	Hinsang	10 a.m.
Amoy	Hupei	2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Tjmanoeek	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Prominent	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	Kumsang	5 p.m.
Straits	Devanha	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Peleus	5 p.m.
SUNDAY DECEMBER 25		
Bangkok via Swatow	Kajjo Maru	9 a.m.
Amoy	Kaying	8.30 a.m.
Manila	Shantung	Noon
TUESDAY DECEMBER 27		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Mauritius—due Marseilles, 25th Jan. 1928. K.P.O.—Registration 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.—Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Patroclus.	

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## THE KING'S SPEECH.

His Majesty on Imperial Topics.

### NO NAVAL INCREASE.

Our Friendly Relations With Other Powers.

London, Yesterday.  
Parliament has been prorogued until February 7.

The King's speech on the prorogation of Parliament dwells with satisfaction on the enthusiastic reception accorded to the Prince of Wales and Prince George in Canada and to the Duke and Duchess of York in Australasia and elsewhere.

M. Doumergue's visit to London in summer "afforded the people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France." Frank and friendly Anglo-Egyptian conversations on the occasion of the visit of King Fuad were "a good augury for the future."

Geneva.  
The British proposals at the Geneva Naval Conference would, if accepted, have substantially reduced naval strengths and costs. In spite of temporary failure Britain does not intend embarking on an increase of her naval building programme, which is based on a considered view of the defensive needs of the Empire.

The speech dwells on the great value of the recent Imperial Conference in London and earnestly trusts from the labourers of the Indian Statutory Commission that a system of Government may emerge giving contentment to the peoples of India and strengthening the bonds that unite the Empire.

Britain and Iraq.  
The speech adverts to the Anglo-Iraq Treaty and notes with satisfaction the debt-funding agreement signed in respect of all war debts with Britain except Russia.

The state of employment, though showing welcome signs of improvement in some parts of the country, still causes anxiety.

No Papers.  
No papers will be published at Home on Boxing Day.—Reuter.

### ROYAL VISITS.

Loyal Welcome in the Dominions.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Parliament was prorogued to-day and the King's Speech was read in the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor and in the House of Commons by the Speaker.

The speech referred to the journeys of T.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Prince George to Canada and of H.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York to New Zealand and other parts of the Dominions. His Majesty rejoiced in their return, and had learned from them with deep satisfaction of the loyal and enthusiastic welcome which they invariably experienced throughout their journeys.

Entente Cordiale.  
Referring to the visit of the President of the French Republic and the French Foreign Minister to London last Summer, the Speech stated: "Their visit gave fresh evidence of the cordial relations so happily established between my Government and the Government of the Republic, and afforded my people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France in the persons of these two eminent statesmen."

Relations With Egypt.  
The visit of the King of Egypt was a source of gratification to me and afforded an opportunity for a full exchange of views between the Egyptian Prime Minister and my Foreign Secretary. The frank and friendly nature of these conversations was in itself of good augury for the future, and it is my hope that the outcome may prove of lasting benefit to both countries."

League of Nations.  
His Majesty had watched with profound sympathy and satisfaction the steady growth in influence of the League of Nations, and the increasing part which it plays in composing international differences and preserving peace. The recent meeting of the Council at Geneva had marked a further stage in this progress.

"My Government will continue to base its policy on loyal co-operation with the League."  
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## PRAYER BOOK.

Statement by Two Archbishops.

### THE COMMONS REBUFF.

Influence By "Avoidable Misunderstandings."

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## AERIAL CRAFT.

Questions in House of Commons.

### SIR A. COBHAM'S PLANE.

Important Programme Of High Speed Research.

Rugby, Dec. 22.

Answering a question in Parliament regarding the damage to Sir Alan Cobham's seaplane at Malta during the proposed round-Africa flight, Sir Philip Sassoon said that a pair of wing tip floats were carried away by the swell during the landing and the port elevator and the lower portion of the plane were damaged by a heavy sea whilst the machine was being beached. These parts were being renewed with a little delay as possible.

High-Speed Aircraft.  
Replying to another question, Sir Philip Sassoon said that seven high-speed aircraft were built this year and six of these were made available for the Schneider Trophy. They were constructed for the purpose of carrying out an important programme of research into problems of high-speed flight. Valuable data bearing on the problem of improvement in the speed of aircraft had already been secured with these machines.—British Wireless Service.

"RE 100."  
Investigation by Experts.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Questioned in Parliament regarding the airship "RE 100" now under construction privately for the Government, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, said it did not appear likely that the total fuel weight of the airship, including passenger car and fittings, would exceed the contract figure of 90 tons.

Two scientists, who were investigating the airworthiness of the two airships now being built, could not complete their investigation of "RE 100" for some months but, so far, it appeared that the factors of safety laid down in the report of airworthiness of the airship panel had been fully adhered to.—British Wireless Service.

The "Red Rose."  
Rangoon, Yesterday.  
The "Red Rose" made a forced landing near Monkey Point owing to a broken piston. The machine was not damaged. It is expected that the repairs will take two or three days. The fliers are not injured.—Reuter.

An Italian Claim.  
Turin, Yesterday.  
The Italian alman Donati has reached a height of 38,802 feet, which is claimed to be a world record.—Reuter.

TURKISH RED TAPE.  
French Aeroplane Detained.

Paris, Yesterday.  
The Air Department states that Colonel Antoinet and his companions on board the aeroplane Georges Guynemer are detained at Adalia by local formalities. The French Ambassador to Turkey is giving them all the help in his power.—Reuter.

## DRUG SMUGGLING.

SUSPECTED TRAFFIC IN FAR EAST.

### A SHANGHAI ARREST.

London, Yesterday.  
A telegram from Berlin states that three persons, suspected of being members of a big international drug smuggling organisation, have been traced by the aid of documents and codes seized in Berlin last October.

As the result of co-operation between the German police and British authorities in the Far East seizures followed the arrest of a Russian in Shanghai on a charge of disposing of smuggled drugs in the Far East and his wife in Berlin, who was charged with the purchasing and arranging of transport of the drugs.

The correspondence contained the names of persons through which the drugs were apparently procured. Two men mentioned therein have been arrested in Switzerland, another in Strasbourg while proceedings have begun against three factories in Switzerland, one in South Germany, and one in France for participating in illegal drug traffic.—Reuter.

### TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/16.

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